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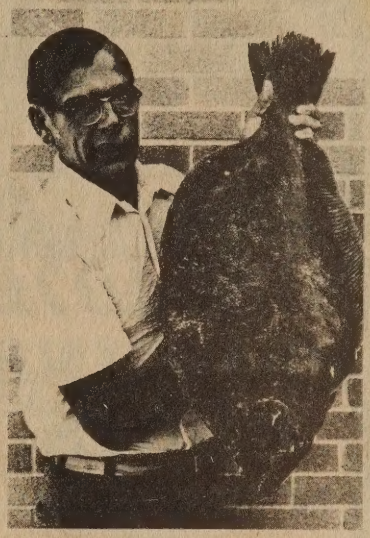

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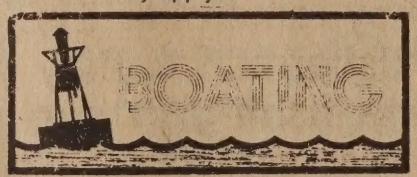
The Annual Long Island Beach Buggy Association Jamboree will be held at Cupsogue Beach (East side of Moriches Inlet) on Saturday and Sunday, August 21st and 22nd 1976. All members are urged to attend. There will be fun for all. Bring any last minute donations for raffle prizes.

LIBBA AND BELLE

The Long Island Beach Buggy Association along with members of Suffolk County Civil Defense and other organizations joined together on Monday eve, August 9 th, against the violent forces of hurricane Belle. In excess of fifteen LIBBA members participated throughout the night in performing emergency communications, evacuating Fire Island Communities, and areas in Mastic and Shirley on the mainland. LIBBA beach buggies were used to transport doctors and nurses from their homes to hospitals for duty. In addition, they were also used as ambulances to transport released patients home in order to make room for incoming hospital patients.

ADVENTURERS ROD AND GUN CLUB

The Adventurers Rod and Gun Club is now accepting applications from prospective new members interested in hunting and fishing to join us in good fellowship. We are also having our Annual Bluefishing Trip on the Carie B II out of Sheepshead Bay on Friday Night, August 20th at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in the above, please contact Donnie Pallo at 796-0590. Good sportsmen need only apply.



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8 P.M. to 10 P.M. at Freeport Senior HIgh School, So. Brookside Avenue on Tuesday September 14th; East Meadow High School, Carman Avenue on Wednesday, September 22nd; Oceanside Senior High School, brower Avenue on Wednesday, September 22nd and Plainview Old Bethpage Junior High School, Stratford Road on Wednesday September 29th.

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TWO TIPS ON BALAO

I would like to make two additional suggestions to improve the swimming qualities of the rigged Balao:

1. Break the bill to the same size as the upper bill.

2. Use the bill to poke out the eyes of the Balao. The eyes hang out after a little trolling and makes the bait spin. Poor action. **Capt. John Bilitsky Jr.**

SAVE OUR STRIPERS LETTER

We always enjoy Fred Guardiner's informative page in L.I.F., however his answer to question #5 in your July 15th issue appears to be in error. It states that the Striped Bass Fund of Mass. in 1971 was one of the first fishing organizations to warn of the buildup of PCB in the striped bass population. The Striped Bass Fund of New York was not founded until 1973 and it's Massachusetts division, not until several years later.

It was Bob Boyle, an individual, who deserves credit. However, he was a member of the Hudson River Fisehrmen's Assoc at the time and it wasn't until later that he joined the Fund.

Also due for some credit for trying to alert government agencies to the suspected danger that PCB's pose for the striped bass fishery is Bob Pond, of Stripers Unlimited. His discovery of high levels of PCB's in Maryland (Chesapeake Bay) striper eggs was also important.

Save our Stripers recently had a metting with Commissioner Peter A.A. Berle of Environmental Conservation and asked that his Department do a study of Hudson River bass and eggs to determine how PCB's are affecting their reproductive cycle. The commissioner promised to look into the matter.

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Mrs. Nancy K. Goell, Director of The Group for America's South Fork

William R. Pell, III, former President of L. I. Commercial Fish. Assoc.

Dr. J.L. McHugh, of the State University at Stony Brook

The Long Island Fisherman would like to congratulate the appointees and sincerely hope that they remember the interests of the sportfisherman as they decide the fate of the fishing in our waters for generations to come.

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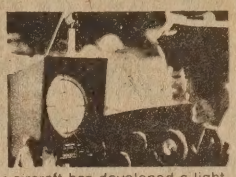

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Sinker Bouncing SNAPPER FISHING

with Matt Ahern

I'm not sure who enjoys snapper fishing most—kids or grown-ups. When these scrappers are around, everybody gets in on the act. As the days of mid-summer approach, the annual trek to the snapper haunts begin. It's a fishing event eagerly awaited by beginner and veteran alike. You'll see fishermen carrying an array of tackle ranging from whippy, one piece bamboo poles to ultra-light spinning rods. The accent is on fun, and fun is what snappers provide.

The nice thing about snapper fishing is its utter simplicity. Snappers don't care one iota if you are equipped with a drop line or the latest in the tackle maker's art. Just present the bait in a life-like manner and they'll give you all the action you desire.

Snappers are easy to locate. Just search for water deep enough to entice bait fish. If you see schools of spearing or sandeels swimming near the surface chances are good you'll find snappers close by. I wouldn't bother fishing shallow water creeks, or any area with less than ten feet of water at high tide. You may catch an occasional fish from these areas, but you'll do better where there is some tidal movement and deeper water. Fishing close to inlets, from piers, and jettys, canal bulkheads and bridges, usually produces excellent fishing.

The easiest of all tackle to use, of course, is the time honored snapper pole. With it the snapper is easily hooked and quickly lifted from the water. All the fisherman needs is a length of line a foot or two longer than the pole, a plastic bobber to signal the bite, a snapper hook, a supply of bait, and he's in business. Simple and efficient.

For most enjoyment, though, nothing beats a light spinning outfit. Snappers are endowed with all the savage trickery, stamina, and fighting capability of their bigger brothers, the bluefish, and they can really put a set in one handed spinning rod if given a chance.

When I was a kid, spinning tackle was unknown in this country and every angler interested in catching snappers used the aforementioned snapper pole. These were usually one piece affairs and cost but pennies. They still cost little today, and are also available in two and three piece take-apart sections. These are convenient for traveling and should be considered when purchasing. They won't cost much more and are well worth the extra money.

Kids are great snapper fans.

Soon, these fish will be transformed into many mouthwatering meals.

Selecting the proper snapper hook is no problem. The preferred hook is the standard Bridgeport snapper hook, a number three being about the correct size. These are available in any tackle or bait shop. A number four Carlisle or a number eight Chestertown flounder hook will also do the job, the prime requisite for any hook used for snappers is that it have a long shank. Armed with strong, needle sharp teeth, snappers can and will bite through the snell of a regular shanked hook with little effort.

When fishing with the cane pole, you wil see some anglers dispensing with a bobber. But there is more to successful fishing without a bobber than meets the eye, for unless the fisherman knows exactly what he's doing, this method isn't recommended for three reasons: Few snappers are caught in areas where the water is less than ten feet deep, so unless you are fishing where deep water is within two or three feet of your fishing spot, it will be difficult to reach the proper depth. Two, unless you have much snapper experience, the fish will be harder to hook. Three, part of the fun in snapper fishing is to watch the bobber go under with a rush as the eager snapper seizes the bait and heads for parts unknown.

Plastic bobbers come in two styles: the common round one and the long, slender type which in my estimation is the better of the two. It isn't so much that these are more sensitive to the bite, but rather they offer little or no resistance to a wary fish. A snapper will seldom toy with the bait when this type is used. It will mouth the bait for an instant, and finding nothing suspicious, will then run off with it. When a round bobber is used, snappers will often "play" with the bait when resistance is felt and then commence working it free from the hook. This they do quite well. Use the slender type bobber and catch more snappers.

To rig up, attach a length of ten pound mono line to the rod. It is important that this be no more than two feet longer than the length of the pole. Anything over this will interfere with hooking and landing your fish. There should be just enough line so that you can easily swing the fish to you with one continuous motion. Needless to say, a slack line produces few snappers.

Tie a double-overhand knot at the end of your line and attach your hook. It's a good idea to place a couple split-shot or a medium sized clinch sinker just above the snell of the hook. This will help overcome tangling when swinging the rig out, and will also serve to finely balance the bobber, making it more sensitive to the bite of a wary fish.

Snappers feed at different levels. Although they have no qualms about chasing bait at any depth, they do have their preferences, which are governed by the bait fish being chased. This is quite likely to vary from hour to hour, but if you start by placing your bobber about three feet above the hook, you should get results. If not, raise it one more foot.

Take care, though, that you don't raise the bobber too high. If you do, you may not be able to get out where the fish are feeding. I would stick to the three-foot level, and certainly not more than four. If you aren't exactly at the feeding level, don't worry too much about it. Snappers are very accomodating in this respect, they will seek you out once they are aware food is available.

The most popular bait for snappers are medium sized spearing. These are purchased frozen from any tackle shop or bait dealer, but without a doubt, the use of freshly netted spearing is a distinct advantage. If it is possible to obtain fresh spearing, don't hesitate to do so; these will outfish the frozen bait two to one.

Sometimes at the height of the snapper run, spearing are hard to come by, but don't despair. Anything in the line of fish bait will bring results. I've caught snappers on live killies, small sand eels, strips of mackerel, and baby mossbunkers, which I always try to seine when available in summer. Should you run out of bait, don't overlook snapper strips cut from the belly or sides of one of your fish. Often narrow strips of squid about two inches long prove irresistible.

It is important not to bunch your bait on the hook. The secret of snapper fishing (or any fishing for that matter) is to make the bait look as natural as possible. When using narrow, inch and a half strips of squid, run the hook through at least twice and allow a quarter inch to wiggle enticingly in the current. This is what draws snappers.

When using whole fish such as spearing, run the hook in the mouth and out the gill cover, then once more about mid-way through the body near the vent. Let the point and bend protrude. Don't worry about snappers noticing the hook. I'm sure they do, but that doesn't keep them from accepting the bait. What will, though, is a bait that is presented in an unnatural manner. Failure to present the bait naturally will cost you fish, no matter now fresh and appealing the bait may be.

Unless you have much snapper experience, you'll find these lightning swift fish outwitting you time and time again. Even the experts miss a good share of the strikes, so don't let it throw you. It's par for the course and is what makes snapper fishing so much fun. After all, if you caught all the snappers that hit your bait, what would you do with them all? Eventually, though, you'll gain the needed skill that will assure your hooking a good percentage without difficulty.

As much fun as snapper fishing with a cane pole can be, more sport and enjoyment is had with light spinning tackle. With it you can place your bait or lure exactly where the fish are feeding. You can go to them, instead of waiting for them to come to you. Especially is this so when fishing from an area where the cane pole is not practical, such as from the steep banks of a creek, or from a high-off-the-water pier, jetty, or bridge.

A light, six foot spinning rod and matching reel filled with four to six pound line will be found to be ideal. If you'd rather use bait with this light outfit instead of lures, this is best accomplished without a bobber. Cast out as far as possible and allow the rig to sink several feet before beginning the retrieve. You'll find the addition of a medium sized clinch sinker placed just above the hook will aid in casting.

Use a slow retrieve. This is important. Don't be fooled into thinking a fast retrieve is getting results should you notice curious snappers following the bait. For some reason, snappers will often do this when a fast retrieve is used, but they will seldom follow through and seize the bait. Work your rig slowly and you'll get your share of the action.

As every experienced fisherman knows, snappers are great bait stealers; especially will you find this so when using whole spearing with the method described above. I find, though, that you can cure them of this prank most times if you use an unsnelled snapper hook and a number ten snap-swivel.

Attach the swivel to the main line with an Improved Clinch Knot (a double overhand knot will do, but is not recommended in this instance), then take the loose hook and run the shank, eye first, through the center of the spearing, beginning at a point about an inch above the tail. Bring out through the mouth and place on the snap. Your bait will not only be more secure this way, but it will lie along the shank in a natural like manner and assure more certain hooking of the short-biters.

I have found that the larger snappers often feed directly over the bottom; especially during September when the fish are putting on more muscle. Therefore, if you are fishing an area known to be obstruction free, it will pay to let the bait reach bottom and begin a slow retrieve, coupled with short twitchings of the rod tip. Let the fish run with the bait for a second before attempting to set the hook.

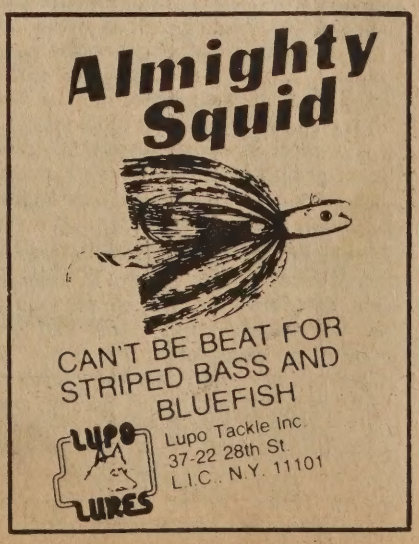
Snappers will seldom pass up a properly presented lure. They dote on small Sidewinders (mossbunker finish), Kastmasters, Hopkins, Swedish Pimples and the like. These seem to have the tantalizing action snappers can't resist. All lures should be retrieved fast enough to impart the necessary action, therefore it will pay to experiment in order to find at what speed the lure is most appealing.

You'll find too, that this retrieve often varies from day to day—probably because of the actions of the bait fish. A fish-catching retrieve today may not bring a hit tommorrow. But once the proper retrieve is found, the action is often fast and furious.

Snapper fishing attracts many anglers and a good way to eliminate the competition is to use a boat. Drifting and casting around the area as you move along, either with bait or lure, is sure to produce action, but the easy way is to anchor and get some chum going. This can be in the form of canned mackerel, sardines, fish flavored cat food, or that old reliable frozen ground mossbunker.

Bunker chum should be mixed with sea water to a thin soup-like consistency and ladled over the side into the current. You'll soon have the snappers flying with this method. A word of caution: Don't chum too heavily. All you want to do is whet the appetite of the passing schools of snappers. I find more fish are caught in a chum line when the fisherman uses bait instead of lures. Don't forget to replenish the chum line occasionally. Snappers will move off, if you don't.

If you've never gone fishing before, you'll find snappers just the ticket. They seldom fail to cooperate and are probably responsible for adding more fishermen to the ranks than any other fish. Give them a whirl soon. I know you'll enjoy snapper fishing. Everybody does.



Surf Side with John Fritz

Those Summer Doldrums

Breaker One-nine! How about a ten-thirteen on that eastbound 495?

Yea, breaker, we're doing a big one-zero approaching the GCP. Heard there is a four wheeler down around Exit 29 which has it backed up all through Queens. Good luck Guy!

Ok good buddy, thanks for the info. I'm clear and on the side.

Great! A long hot day at work and now a long hot drive home. These Friday night trips home in summer are hell.

Misery likes company, so I leave the CB on and listen to the chatter. One ratchet jaw is bragging about how he beat 10 cars by jumping off one exit and right back on.

Big deal 10 cars. Let's see, 10 cars times 5 days a week is 50 cars, 50 times 50 weeks is—.

Breaker One-nine! How 'bout Johnny J. that Johnny J. Got a copy on the Sandman?

El presidente!

Yea, this is the Johnny J. How you doing good buddy? What's your twenty?

I'm on the GCP at a complete standstill, I heard you're not doing too well on that 495.

That's a ten-four guy. Boy would I like to be on the beach right now.

Ten-four good buddy. What are you doing about 10? The tide is right for the inlet and we should be able to pick a few fish on the light sticks.

That's a big ten-four guy, I'll pick you up at your twenty around 10. Don't forget your bug spray.

The rest of the trip home was spent in planning an attack on those poor unsuspecting denizens lurking in the rips and eddys of Fire Island Inlet. Maybe a little time was taken out to check a few seat covers.

After the hot fishing of June, the pace gradually slows down in July until the summer doldrums begin around mid-month. This period of slow fishing potential lasts through August into September when the cooler nights of approaching autumn begins to drop the water temperatures. This coupled with a few nor'easters trigger the fish into feeding in preparation for their fall migration, but that is another story.

Of the big three in surf fishing, bass and weaks take a back seat to the blues during the summer. Even the blue devils haven't been cooperating the past several years. Where you once could count on some hot bluefish action at dawn or dusk in such places as Sunken Meadow or the Cedar Bar, the latter has been a bomb. While the north shore seems to be all bunker dunking or related bait fishing.

If the blues are non-cooperative again this year don't despair. The weaks and bass are still in residence, the only difference is they are not apparent but must be worked for during the hours of darkness. These fish are not usually found in the open surf but in the back waters of the bay and inlets.

The various channels and cuts throughout the Great South Bay and the adjacent waters to the west produce fish for the knowledgeable boatmen for most of the fishing season. The problem is encountered by the land-based fishermen because parking is a big problem. From Jones Inlet east to Captree and adjoining Fire Island parking is restricted to the parking fields only. Even with this restriction sufficient areas can be reached on foot to find some enjoyable fishing along the banks of the State Channel.

One word of caution before you go sloshing through those mudflats, they are cut with drainage ditches and tidal creeks. The ditches are not that dangerous and are easy to cross due to the fact that they are narrow. I can tell you from experience that the muck in the bottom of these cuts stinks to high heaven. I don't advise crossing a tidal creek in the dark if you are not familiar with the area. As with first time fishing any place a scouting trip in daylight will help you choose the better fishing spots and point out any pitfalls to beware of.

In some cases pathways through the cat-tails must be found and landmarks committed to memory. Floundering around after dark breaking a new trail will be a most unpleasant experience.

This swamp area is generally encountered from the Short Beach Coast Guard Station east to Oak Beach, along the north side of Jones Island.

If trudging through the slop of the backside is not your thing there are places to fish where you can have sand under your feet. The Jones Inlet area and the back side of Robert Moses from the point itself along the north side as far east as you want to go. The opposite side of Fire Island Inlet from the Sore Thumb along the Old Channel to Cedar also has its moments when the wind is right and the weed allows you to work a plug.

The western ends of these two islands has rock breakwaters, so when fishing here or possibly the Thumb landing a fish on light tackle without a long-handled gaff could present a problem. Unless of course you have a buddy willing to go down after your fish. Remember he will expect a return favor.

Outgoing water is the preferred tide in most areas. To name a few: Jones Inlet area, Democrat Point and the Old Channel. The State Channel varies according to where you are fishing, while the Thumb produces on both incoming and outgoing.

Choosing the right tide for the location you wish to fish will take time and effort on your part. No general rules apply to all areas plus conditions change from year to year. You have to keep track of at what stage of the tide the rip forms on a particular bar. Do the wind conditions affect the formation, duration and strength of the rip? How about the phase of the moon, with it's resulting stronger and weaker tidal flows?

Then again you can do like I usually do. Go when you have the time and try to pick the most likely choice according to the tide available. Not too many of us can sit back and wait for conditions to be just right. I would probably be working and besides I'd miss a lot of beach time.

While fishing these areas you will find that most of the time you will be facing and casting to the north. Aside from fishing the western tips of these two islands the only exception would be the thumb on up to Cedar where you are facing south.

Since this is light tackle fishing it would be nice to fish without a wind, there is one catch. Mosquitoes! You drench yourself with bug spray, put on your hot rubber top and pull up the hood. No wind, you'll be eaten alive. If you find a repellent that really works take the can with you. If it is a warm night you will sweat. One dunk to wash your hands and they will be vulnerable to attack. It is no laughing matter to finally pick the right conditions and find the fish only to be driven off by hordes of mosquitoes.

During the summer months, you will usually get a south or southwest wind in the late afternoon. When hot air on the land rises it draws cooling air in from the ocean. Once the land cools off this wind dies, it should give you a few bug-free hours of fishing.

As stated earlier this is for the most part light tackle sport. I use a nine foot stick and a Penn 710 spooled with 10 pound test line. I've tried the Crack 300

but find that it does not compare to it's brothers the 100 and 300. Somewhere their standards took a drop when designing the 200. Any combination of rod and reel which will cast and work the 5'' versions of rebels and RedFins will do the trick. For the most part stay with the floater type plugs and the retrieve must be slow, agonizingly slow. You are barely turning the handle but when the plug is working the rip the way it should you can feel it pulsating your rod tip. Too much agitation and the plug is probably gyrating more than it should. Slow down the retrieve. If that doesn't work change plugs to one that has less action. In a very strong current try a Hell-cat, sometimes they will produce where the more popular Rebels and Redfins fail.

Even when using the same style plug you will find that some have more action than others. Then there are those that have no action. If you don't get any action keep changing and after you have tried the different plugs with various retrieves check your line fastening. Sometimes a swivel is needed, sometimes not. There are times when the plug must be tied directly to the line, as I learned one cold night in February at Northport. I don't know which is more fickle, a woman or a fish. On second thought I'll choose the fish.

It would also be a good idea to take along a few Tri-Fins and Alou Elvers in case the fish are deep. Getting snagged on the bottom is definitely a big possibility when fishing a large part of the State Channel.

There are certain areas where it is possible to wade out into the water, in fact sometimes it is necessary in order to reach a particular part of a rip. The point I want to put across is stealth. These are quiet waters so any noise or splashing can spook the fish. If your light must be used at least turn your back to the water.

For some, myself included, this is an aggravating type of fishing. I know a friend of mine actually broke his rod over his knee when he could not get the presentation and retrieve well enough to score. While fish are being taken all around him. I've felt like that myself on occasion. Right Jerry? Or should I say Steve? This guy is banging one fish after another one night last summer, with me standing right next to him. Finally I ask, ''What secret weapon are you using?'' A yellow Coachman,'' he says. A yellow who? How many plugs can one guy carry? The next thing you know guys will be catching bass on propeller plugs, using a 13 foot stick.

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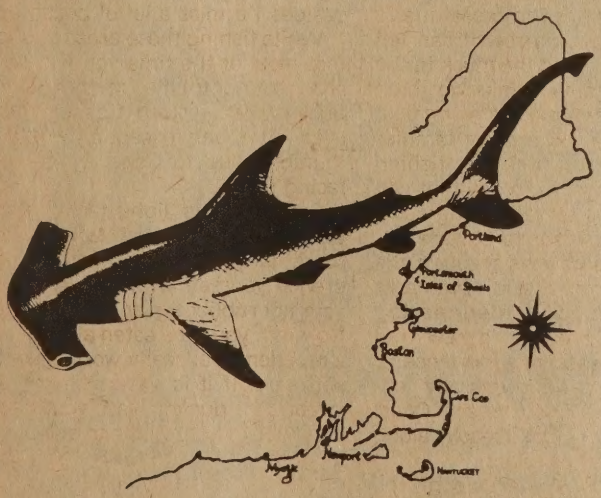

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BLUECLAW CRABS

by Dr. William A. Muller

Did you know that from southern New Jersey south beyond the Del-Mar-Va penninsula fishermen regularly catch soft-shell crabs and use them for bait? Well, I'll tell you, I don't see that many shedder crabs in Long Island waters that I'm willing to pass-up a delicious fried soft shell for my taste buds in favor of one on the hook.

South of Long Island the environment is very beneficial to the growth and reproduction of the blueclaw crabs. They are very abundant. In fact, most of the crabs that we purchase in Long Island fish stores are caught in southern waters.

No matter! Time time of the year we can catch our own crabs; deep in color, lively, and full of firm white succulent meat. Ah! So fill the pot with water, salt, vinegar, and crab spice and let's go crabbing.

Crabbing is a fun thing and just like fishing many people enjoy the doing as much or more than the eating. I must make a small confession. When I was a teenager, I supplemented my income by clamming and crabbing. Usually I had to do all the back-breaking work myself and with only a modest return. But there was a summer, I guess it was my Summer of '42 in many ways, that I made three hundred dollars by selling crabs and never caught more than two dozen myself.

It all began when my brother-in-law Bill arrived at Peconic Bay intent upon some relaxation and water-skiing. I was going crabbing and he asked if he could join me. Once up on the mud flats I pulled the long handle crab net from its secure position under the seats of the boat and as the gentle breeze pushed the boat over the seaweed covered mud I watched for crabs. Slowly the total mounted: singles, doubles, here and there a softie.

Bill wanted to try his hand at it. It takes a little getting used to to snare a crab that's fleeing in a puff of mud with a small faced net, but Bill took his share. For my part I was histerical. You see, every time Bill saw a crab he went "Oo, Ooo!" He was so excited. Well we "Oooed" our way across the flats to the tune of over a bushel of prime blueclaws and I was on my way to a productive summers.

Relative after relative traveled out to our summer house for the sea breeze and wound up catching a load of crabs, taking home a dozen, and throwing the rest in my crab car. The situation became ridiculous when my neighbor took up the task of selling the crabs. I had taken a job working in the local greenhouses and when my customers would line up for their supply of crabs only my neighbor working in his front yard was available to answer their questions. So every day when I turned the key in the door dripping with fatigue and perspiration he was only a few feet on my heels with a fist full of bucks.

Drew Muller nets a crab from the marsh banks in Peconic Bay.

My contribution to this successful financial undertaking was to step out on the dock after dinner, make a few casts with a tin, catch a snapper or two, and toss them into the lion's den—correction crab car.

Good grief, there is nothing meaner than fifty hungry blueclaw crabs. They would tear those fish apart as if they were piranhas on a feed.

Crabbing in our bays and harbors take many forms as the summer rounds into its full hot and humid self. Each and every approach produces for the crabber so let's take a look at the techniques that I'm familiar with and then you can take your pick and try your hand at it.

Night Lighting: I guess there is a more correct name for this, but that's the name we used in Peconic and for my money its great sport. Simply fasten a coleman gasoline light or any high powered light on the transom of a flat bottomed rowboat. Low tide is best and you'll need two people for maximum results. One crabber stands in the stern poised at the ready with his net while the second pushes the boat, stern first across the shallow water. At night the really huge crabs work their way into the shallows and when they are seen in the glow of the light they freeze for a moment giving the crabber a chance to snare them.

You'll see much more than just crabs: other sights include big bass, immense eels, weakfish, and white perch. Be sure to spray yourself and your clothing liberally with bug repellent because the bugs are thick and vicious on warm calm summer nights.

Killie Ring: Take any kind of flexible wire and bend it in a loop about 4 to 5 inches in diameter. Thread on killies, or a fish head along with a few heavy sinkers. Lower this to the bottom on a line. When a crab begins munching you'll feel a series of gentle tugs. Retrieve the line with a steady and

gentle pull. The crabs do not seem to understand that they are being pulled free of the bottom and will continue to feed on the way to the surface. A second crabber can slip a net under the crab at the surface.

Crap Trap: There are a number of commercially available crab traps that all feature free falling sides. Again killies or a fish head should be wired to the insidd of the trap and lowered to the bottom. A slack line will allow the doors of the trap to open. The crabs crawl into the trap to feed and periodic retrieves of the trap will find one or two crabs feasting on what they think is a free meal.

Bridges and bridge lights: Crabs have a habit of coming up into the bridge lights and this makes easy pickings for the crabber. One of the easiest methods employs the use of a boat around the big bridge spans in south shore bays. Again team work is essential and the best combo employs the use of three people. One man maneuvers the boat around the bridge pilings and often must steer clear of other boats doing the same thing. Beware, other skippers are often distracted by the crabbing. Anyway, with today's fiberglass boats and the slow speeds used when crabbing, the worst crashing merely chips a little glass and paint. It's all part of the "fun and games" of crabbing?

Two crabbers are ready in the bow. One holds a light while the other is ready with the net. When a crab is spotted, a few calm and casual directions are offered politely to the skipper.

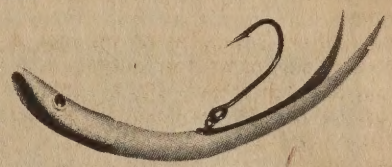
"What's the matter with you, you turkey! I told you to go right" Or, "If you had half a brain you'd be dangerous.'s But the skippers have their innings too, and they have been known to stop a boat suddenly or unexpectedly gun the engine depositing irrate crabbers either on the deck or in the warm water.

The glow of a hundred lamps and the screaming of the people in the boats can be heard and seen from miles away tipping off the newcomer to the place where the action is.

The shore bound crabber also takes advantage of the bridge lights, especially out east where there are numerous low hanger foot bridges that traverse small creeks. This crabber needs only a bushel basket and a long handle nets. Handles up to 15 feet are used and anything under 10 feet is usually a waste of time. Some fellas use chicken wire for the basket of the net instead of the twine and they claim they feel when the crab hits the mesh and thus know when to lift the net.

The crabs come floating down with the tide in late August, incidentally the outgoing tide is the only time for this type of crabbing. When they are spotted the crabber rushes to that spot on the bridge, lowers his net into the water, and allows the tide to seep the crab into the waiting net. If the crab spooks from the net the crabber still has a shot at the crustacean by thrusting the net upcurrent and lifting in one motion. I've crabbed this way a few times and it's a lonely but rewarding business.

I guess that there are other techniques used locally here and there. In fact, I occasionally employ a skill, inadvertently of course, that's not particularly successful. A crab or two has been known to latch onto my flounder baits and I have from time to time collected enough to make a little crab sauce for the linguine. Indeed a perfect side dish to any seafood meal.



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TALKING ABOUT PLUGS

by Ed Blase

There are a legend of surf plugs and metals and more come and go almost every year. Some plugs make a big splash for a year or two and some just never make the grade at all. While others just stick around and catch fish year after year. In photo number 1, I have picked 10 lures that are very good producers and have been around for a long time. They are (top to bottom) Atom Popper or "Striper Swiper", a fish catcher and favorite of the surfisherman for many years. In all its years of production, it has never lost its popularity. Next to the Striper Swiper is the "Florida Shiner", a really good striper lure. This plug has been out of production for several years and the old timers that have a few left guard them carefully. This lure has no built in action what so ever but when worked cross current by a skillful angler it is really deadly on striped bass. Below the atom popper is the Rebel swimming plug which is a very good fish catcher. Although not the original minnow type, the Rebel was the first that was mass produced in quantities large enough to meet the demand of all the surf fishermen who wanted to use it. There are many other type minnow plugs now on the market. To name a few, Red Fin, Hel-Cat, Mee-Mee, and so forth down the line. Next to the Rebel minnow is the Stan Gibbs darter. One of the all time greats. A real killer at dusk.

Below the Rebel is the Mirro-Lure which is another fish catcher. Again, no fisherman worth his salt would be without one in his bag. This plug has no built-in action but when the rod is in the hands of a fisherman that knows what he is doing this lure is a producer. 52m-24 is the most popular of all sizes and shapes used in the surf. Next to the Mirro Lure is the 1 oz. Needle Fish. A real good lure that is also without self-contained action. Below the Mirror Lure is the popular Pencil Popper. This lure again has to be worked by the fisherman, but at the present time is one of the very best lures in use along the seaboard and is producing fish daily. Next to the Pencil Popper is an Ed's O metal lure (no relation of mine) made of block tin and adorned with either white or yellow tailfeathers on the single stationary hook. This metal can't be beat and a small strip of squid on the hook increases the fish catching abilities.

Below the pencil popper is the Garcia Eelet another lure that is pure mayhem, but seldom used by the surf fisherman anymore. But the regulars all have a couple in their bags. Next to the eelet is the Hopkins, one of many metals on the market today. But in all probability one of the best. These ten lures are a must for the saltwater angler's tackle bag. The Atom 40 and the Danny Plug (not pictured) should also be included in your bag, and this group of lures with a few bucktail jigs added should give you enough plugs and lures of the right types to meet almost any situation encountered along our waters. Don't forget a small jar of pork rind on some days and under some circumstances. It is a must.

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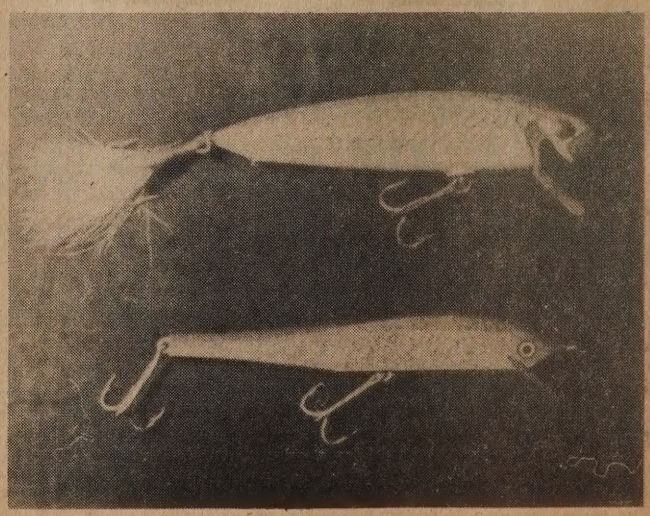

Atom Reflector and Gibbs swimmer.

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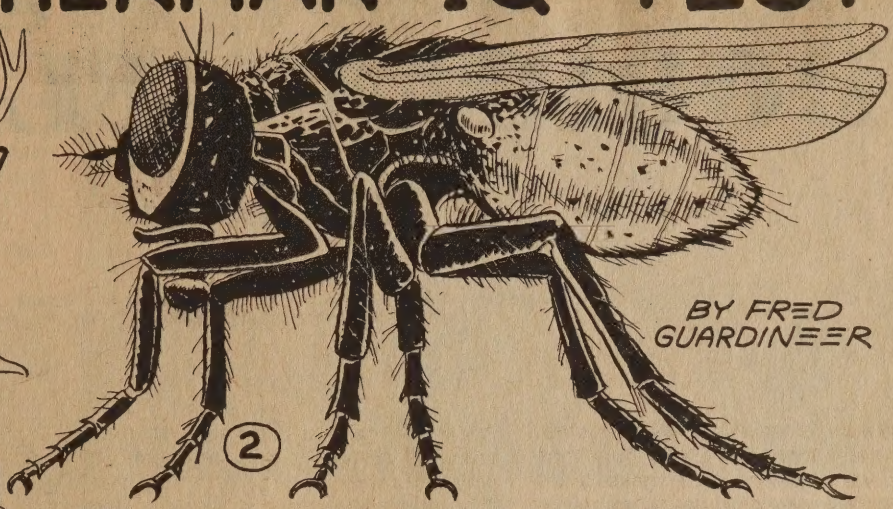

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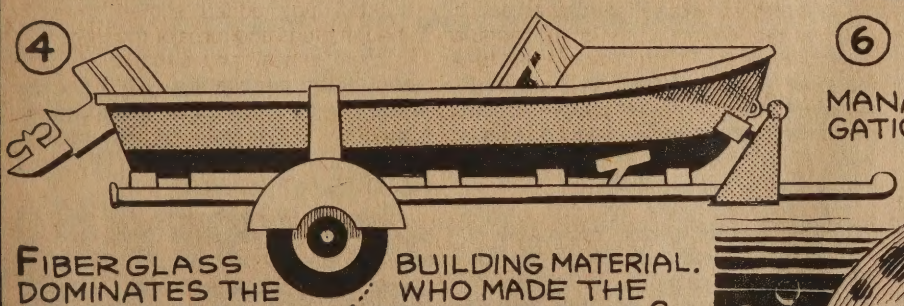

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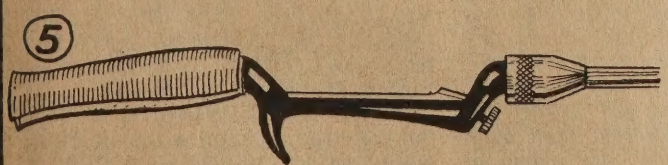

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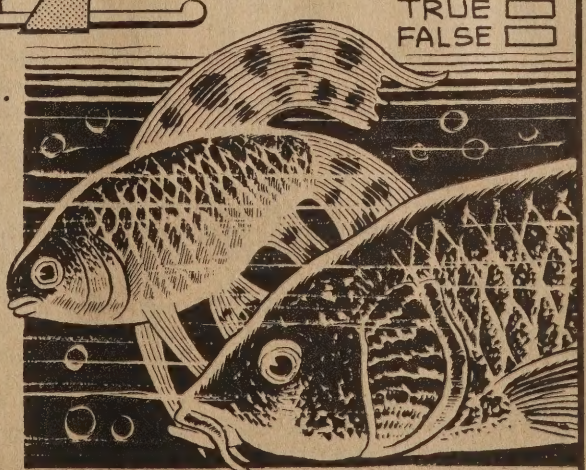

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Wreck Fishing for DOORMAT FLUKE

by Ron Onorato

"It was just like the old days", remarked one of the veteran party boat skippers out of Freeport when we got on the topic of big fluke. This past year, was in the opinion of many, the best so far as ocean fishing for fluke was concerned. From early August through the beginning of September, the catches of doormat fluke taken on the wrecks and rough bottom south of Long Island, were counted in the dozens, rather than the handful.

The resurgence of the fluke stocks started around 1971, but it hasn't been till the last few seasons that the really big fluke have been showing up in the catches made whie drifting the ocean side.

There seems to be two runs of fluke in the ocean, the first run in June of the small to medium sized fish, and the late August run of big fish. There is one basic difference between the two types of fishing however. The run of early fish are usually taken on sand or hard bottoms varying anywhere from 20 to 40 feet of water. The majority of these fish are between 2 and 4 pounds with an occasional larger fish thrown in. On the other hand, the late run of fish are not found in these areas, but in the deeper water of between 40 and 60 feet, and usually will average 4 to 6 pounds in weight, with fish in the high teens not uncommon. These larger fish are usually found in the vicinity of some sort of wreck or reef and are seldom found over the sandy areas that the smaller fluke like.

The reason for the difference of location as the season progresses is due to two factors; bait availability and water temperature. Early in the summer, the shallow water along the beaches is much warmer than the deeper water which takes some time to warm up. The big fluke like the warmer water and it isn't till the end of the summer that the water temperature gets up there.

Perhaps as important as water temperature, bait availability is as important as a controlling factor. Big fluke have big appetites, and there has to be enough forage around to keep the fish satisfied. The many small wrecks and reefs held just what the fish wanted, a steady and plentiful supply of bait that was not available along the open bottom. These pieces teemed with bergalls, small sea bass, squids and crabs. They became the staple diet of the big fluke.

Norm Landsberg nets a big fluke for George Oliver.

The starting point for this wreck fishing is usually around the middle of August, and good fishing can be had through the entire month of September. The mild falls we have been experiencing for the past several years have kept the fluke lingering longer than they usually do. If September is cold and there are numerous Northeast winds, the fishing will drop out by mid month.

Fluke fishing on these wrecks and reefs are a little different than other types of fluke fishing for numerous reasons. The water will be deeper than you are used to fishing in, and the bottom is pretty tough on the terminal tackle. Most importantly, the fish will be of hefty proportions. Don't worry about short fluke out here, they just don't exist. As an example, in three trips made during the first week of September last year, while fishing the Iberia Wreck and the buoy 4 reef over 60 fluke were taken. There wasn't a fish of less than 3 pounds in the beach and the average was close to 5 pounds. There were no real jumbos taken, but there were a couple of 10 and one 11 pound fish taken.

Thus you can see, that you will be dealing with substantial fish, and in order to get the best results, you must gauge your tackle accordingly. Though I really love spinning tackle for fluke when fishing the bays or shallow water, it has no place out here. Some fishermen used them last year, and caught a few fish, but we are looking for consistency rather than occasional one shot luckers.

Conventional or baitcasting tackle is the preferred choice of weapons. Either outfit that can be used with 15 or 20 pound mono capable of handling up to 8 ounces of lead is acceptable. You have to remember that you are fishing in an area that is loaded with all sorts of fouls and snags and the lighter line will cost your more rigs. The advantage to the lighter line though, is that it enables you to use a lighter sinker. You have to give up something to get something. I'd rather go for the heavier line and use a little

heavier sinker than keep donating rigs to the bottom. Regardless of what line test you use, keep on checking it and cutting off anytime you feel any nicks or abraisions are evident as this will save you a lot of grief later on.

Terminal tackle is perhaps the easiest part of this fishing. After much experimentation and careful observation of others, I have found a simple short shank Eagle Claw hook ranging in sizes of either 5/0 or 6/0 to be the most effective rig. Though many anglers swear by the tandem rigs now so common on the fluke grounds, I have had only limited success with them.

The rig is as simple as can be; the Eagle Claw hook is snelled on a three foot leader of 40 pound mono and this is attached to the mono line by means of a three way swivel. The three way swivel is then attached to the terminal end of the mono, and a sinker is attached to the remaining open eye. One thing is worth noting about the length of the snelled hook above the sinker, the higher off the bottom, the more activity the baited hooks get. I have had fluke hit a baited hook that was a good two feet above the sinker. The best action seems to be had when the rig is swimming somewhere 12 or 15 inches above the sinker. When rigged in this manner, the number of times the hook will snag into some piece of bottom is greatly reduced. The sinker of course may hang up at any time. If you are using 20 pound mono as your main rig, then attach the sinker to the swivel with 15 pound mono. You will only lose the sinker rather than the entire rig if it hangs up.

Baits for these big fish are somewhat different than those used for their smaller brothers found in the bays. there are no killies or spearing big enough to satisfy the average wreck fluke. The old adage of "big bait—big fish" seems to hold out here. The number of baits that can be used is really quite numerous. Whole round smelts, big squids, big sand eels, small bergalls, and any sort of large strip bait can be used with very good results.

Smelts, squids and sand eels are about the best baits that can be used, but their soft texture makes them very vulnerable to the attacks of bergalls and small sea bass and porgies that often swarm on these wrecks. At times it is very difficult to keep any of these soft baits on the hook.

The strip bait is about the best to use when the bottom fish are active. Though they will hit it quite often, they will not easily remove it from the hook. By far and away the best strip bait is from either the white or dark side of the fluke itself. Rather than wait and ruin some nice fish that may have been caught, I go the fish market the day before a trip and buy a small whole fluke or two. For a couple of bucks I will have more than enough strip bait for the trip. It is very hard to start stripping out a 5 pound fluke for bait. There's nothing fancy about the strip baits, just try to make them fairly even and nice and long. A strip 8 inches long isn't really too big. Regardless of what strip bait you use, just put it through the hook once. For some reason, when a strip bait is placed through a hook more than once it just doesn't flutter right.

Fish like this are'nt rare around wrecks.

A whole bait such as a smelt is hooked once through the eyes, and out again through the shoulders. A whole squid is hooked in a similiar manner. About the hardest part of this fluking is when to set the hook regardless of the bait being used. Sometimes a fluke will just pounce on a bait and swallow it quickly. Usually, though, the fish sees the bait sailing over him and he runs up and grabs it and holds onto it. This is usually felt as dead weight on the line as though you picked up something on the line. The only thing to do here is to put the reel into free spool and feed the fish some line. This allows the fish to swallow the bait good. Many times the fisherman will try to strike the fluke the second he feels the fish. This only results in giving the fish a free meal as he easily tears the bait off the hook. Watch a successful fluke fisherman and you see what I mean.

You can fish the ocean yourself, or on a party boat. There are all sorts of wrecks and reefs along the South Shore of Long Island, some are marked and others are not marked. The marked ones that are the easiest for the boatman to find include the artificial reef off Fire Island, the artificial reef off Rockaway's Riis Park, and the buoy 4 reef off Atlantic Beach. All of these are marked with some sort of buoys, and any number of boats will be fishing them on nice days. The increased boat traffic reduces the catches somewhat on these marked pieces. It's the unmarked wrecks that are the real bonanza producers. The Iberia Wreck which lies inshore off Long Beach is not marked but since it is close to shore it is easily picked up with land ranges. The same can be said for the old Hempstead reef off Jones Inlet. There are 2 other small wrecks that lie off Long Beach in about 50 feet of water that hold nice fish. It takes a little looking to find them, but it is certainly worth the effort.

It should be noted, that when drifting these wrecks, the boat should try to drift the edges of the wreck, rather than right on the piece itself. A good paper recorder is indispensible in this type of fishing. Once in the area, the paper recorder paints a picture of the bottom and with the aid of a marker buoy or two, you should be able to get the drift pattern down.

Sometimes only a certain piece of the wreck will hold fish, so try to cover the area from as many angles as possible before moving on to other grounds. If you find that conditions are too fast for good drifting, don't overlook the possibility of anchoring the boat at the edge of the wreck and casting the lines out and working them black slowly to the boat. This has at times worked very well.

If all goes well, this season should see an abundance of the big fluke that should at least equal last years output. If your dream for a trophy fluke is to be fulfilled then this is the time to try it.

SNAPPERS FOR BAIT

Predator Becomes the Prey!

by Dick Mermon

In the compass of the water world there is no democracy. Survival of the fittest and the biggest only exist. Fry feed on minute creatures. Fingerlings feed upon fry. Larger species eat the fingerlings. In turn bigger fish dine on these and so on up the scale in a chain reaction. Being of the same family is no reason a small fish should escape gaping mouths. Everything is fair game in this underwater domain. Hence, it actually creates superior living conditions for our mundane by giving us means of capturing an aquadic species easier.

When I was young at heart, snapper fishing was a delightful past time. Today, it still creates enthusiasm within me but to a far greater extent. It is not merely the angling for these small bluefish, but the expantion I have put them to use.

Snappers are vicious feeding fish and will eat or kill anything up to their size that swims. They are the predators of the baitfish. But what about larger species of fish that look upon the snapper as a baitfish? Ah, there's the rub! Now the snapper becomes the prey and not the predator. Here is where the shoe is on the other foot. It has only come to light that these mini bluefish are super baits for big weakfish, fluke, stripers, bluefish tuna and shark.

Almost every bay and harbor, from Virginia to Maine muster baby bluefish at this time of year, ranging in size from three to eight inches. It is the six to nine incher which is most productive as bait because of their hardiness and energetic aggressiveness.

Live lining is the best method in which to employ these baits, even though later they may be used dead. Hence, they must be contained either in live bait holders of some sort or wire traps. Not being body snagged as with bunkers, small blues will bleed very little from the wound received by the hook. Yet they must be treated as all live baits, with aeration and water change.

These silver blue predators of baitfish now used as prey may be cast from either a boat or shore. They are not designed to take tremendous punishment as some species, but once tossed into the surf from the beach should be left at a stationary position. It will regain much of its stamina and once more become attractive to bigger predators.

Bobby Johnson, shows some of the weakfish he had taken with the author using snappers for bait off Lido Beach, N.Y.

A simple fish-finder rig is used when baiting with snappers and used in the surf. The length of the hook and leader should be no longer than fifteen inches in length. Fastened to this leader is a 1/0 or 2/0 treble hook. One of the points of the treble hook is passed through both jaws of the snapper, from the bottom, upward through the top. It is the hardest area on the little bluefish and the hook will remain in position when the initial shock of both the cast and hitting the water occur.

The live baiting method may also be used from any stationary area such as a rock jetty, bulkhead, land point, or even a marsh shoreline along a main channel. Concept behind this angling procedure is

to cover as much territory as possible in order to locate fish. A fish-finder rig may also be employed at this time, but I have found the egg or barrel type sinker much more effective.

Line from the rod and reel is passed through the center hole of the egg sinker (weight depends upon the depth of the area being fished and current present). Attached to the end is a small swivel and a mono leader heavier than the line itself, secured to the opposite eye of the swivel. The swivel prevents the sinker from sliding atop the bait. The leader then receives a 1/0 or 2/0 treble hook depending upon the size of the baits being used. If drifting the bait from an anchored boat, the length of the leader should be about five feet. In this manner the weight tumbles along the bottom permitting a high, free swimming baitfish. If looking for fluke, then I shorten the leader to about three feet. Predominatly, it is the longer demention which is tied on. Naturally, if this method is being used from a shore point or marsh channel, the leader will be slightly shorter as in the search for fluke. It is easier to cast a curtailed leader and bait than a longer one.

Granting that the entraped prey is not being cast far from a stationary point or boat, then the snapper is hooked one quarter inch below the top of the back, just behind the gills. If the hook is imbedded to far down into the body section it will touch a backbone, killing the bait. When long distance is needed, along with power to reach a certain spot, then it is better to place the hook through the snapper's jaws. Dead baits should be put to one side and used later when all the active ones are lifeless. These dead baits are hooked through both jaws instead of the back method.

The reason for placing a hook point into the back location is to allow the fish its freedom to pass water through its mouth and out the gills in a normal manner. In this hooked fashion the bait will revive faster from the shock and continue to stay alive longer, receiving the vital oxygen needed. If the hook encloses both jaws, little water passes the gills because of the sealed mouth. Another reason for a hook placement in this manner is so the bait will constantly swim in an upright position, even when being towed against the current. If mouth or lip hooked, the baited snapper looses control and sometimes spin, creating unnatural motion.

A drifting boat creates easier fishing by covering a greater area. Furthermore, a drifted bait walked along, carried by the current overspreads a large section also. Here the live snapper bait is tossed out into the current and the angler walks along the shoreline with the drifting bait. When both fishermen and bait reach a point where neither can go no further, the snapper is retrieved and the system is repeated over and over, until a large predator is found.

These mini predators, when turned into prey baits for tuna, can save precious fishing time, especially if the bottom area is vacant of small ling or whiting. During the period when 17 Fathom region of New York Bight becomes active with tuna of all sizes, bait make themselves scarce of the scene. Snappers can often replace or at times even be better baits for bluefins. A single live bait hook of the angler's choice is tied directly to the mono line of the rod and reel. It is then imbedded into the back of the small blue, similiar to that when weakfishing, and permitted to swim freely away from the boat.

I have turned many what seemed to be unproductive shark fishing days into successful ones with the help of these tiny live baits of silver blue. Even the mama, papa, and grandaddy bluefish like the taste of their own kin folk. Stripers of all sizes will take a well presented snapper bait when offered. Predators become prey when they themselves are fed upon larger predacious species. So now the snapper, once the predator, has become the prey.

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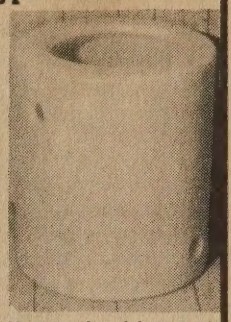

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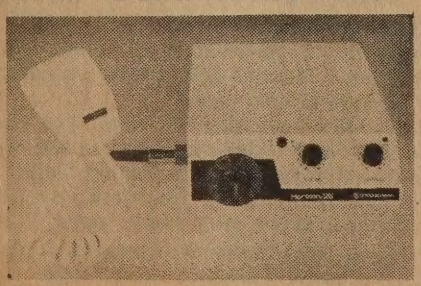

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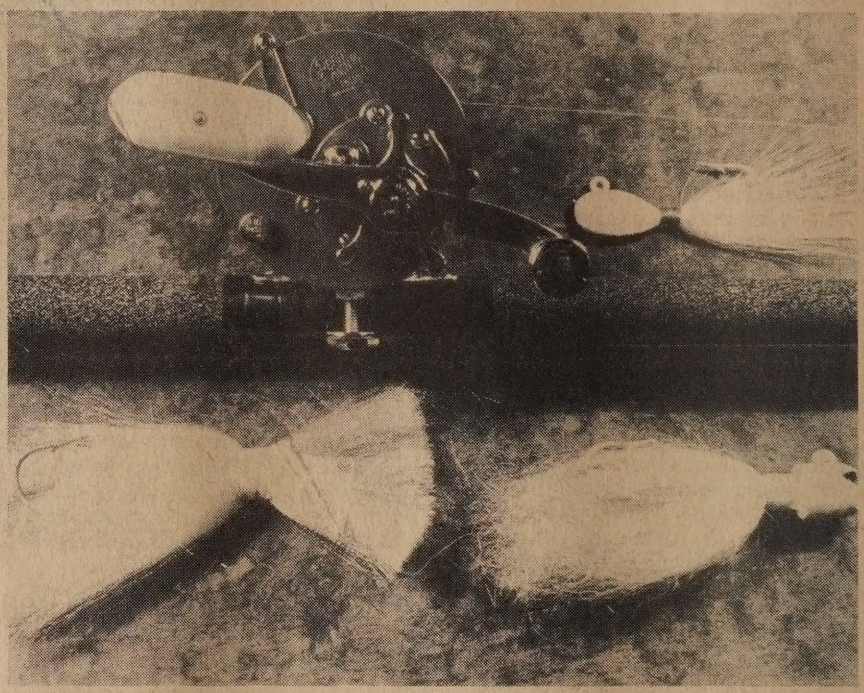
TROLLING BUCKTAILS

by Pete Barrett

Most of us get into the habit of setting out wire lines and perhaps downriggers to put our lures down to the desired depths. From then on its checking ranges while watching the recorder for the tell tale marks of bass or blues.

There's excitement aplenty when the drag screeches, but still the day is spent for many trollers standing at the console always watching and waiting.

The method is no secret, but it requires work. The boats using the method are obvious as fishermen stand at the stern pumping rods in a "row row row your boat" rhythm. The method is, or course, bucktail jigging and it does call for stamina, strong arms and sturdy back, and most of all a deep desire to work hard for your bass. The tourist or casual fisherman will never enjoy bucktailing—the work involved really separates the fanatic bass fisherman and the Sunday afternoon straw-hat sinker bouncer.



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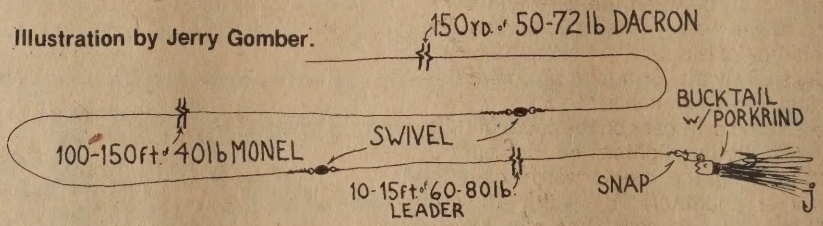

The bucktail lure itself is of prime importance since you can't just tie on any old chunk of lead and hair and expect to nail fish and the most popular styles of bucktails vary with the location fished. Off the Hook the parachute bucktails are top choices. The photo shows one version and it is easily spotted by the ties of bucktail running backwards over the head of the bug. This front hair billows out and pulsates like a squid or baitfish as the lure is pulled along and jigged.

The universal additive to all bucktails, regardless of the location fished, is pork rind. The extra flutter is especially appealing to bass and adding a strip of white or yellow pig skin gets better results. Another good choice is squid cut into long, thin strips.

To properly jig the lures, you need short stiff rods. Nick Cicero made up a set of 30 pound class trolling blanks as jigging sticks and they work real well. The rods are very short, about 5 feet long, since no wooden butt was added to the blank. Instead of a reel seat, Nick wrapped the lower ends of the rods with cork tape. Four Fuji guides complete the

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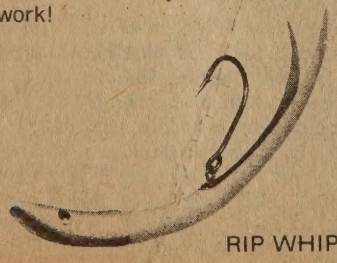
sticks. They are short and stiff—ideal action for jigging, and since the rods bend very little, each sweep of the tip moves the bug smartly through the water. The short length won't touch the water making the rods perfect for standing at the gun's of standard boats. Longer rods keep hitting the water interrupting the jigging rhythm. Softer rods lose all touch with the bucktail as they bend too far with each rod sweep—the rod bends but the bug doesn't move.

Reel choices are the same for any other type of wire line trolling. You can't go wrong with the Penn 500M or 112H Senator. Line length varies with the depth of water. Water of 20 feet or less can be worked best with a 100 foot shot of wire, usually 40 pound test, but deeper water or water with exceptionally strong currents may require 150 feet. I know one guy who keeps two pairs of reels ready so he's prepared for anything. One set has the 100 foot length, the other has the 150 foot length.

Backing is important. Mono stretches and for this reason a line with minimal elasticity, like braided dacron is the best choice. I use Gudebrod G-6 80 pound test dacron trolling line. It is very durable and has very little stretch. As the name implies, jigging calls for moving the rod tip, and the backing must to tough to withstand the constant jigging motion. The 80 pound line offers extra insurance against line breakage.

Let's use a 1-2-3 rhythm to describe the jigging action itself. Imagine you're in your boat at the stern and you have just let out 100 feet of wire. You are running about 900-100 rpm's—a little faster than usual for bass. The swivel connection between the wire and backing at the water; tension is on the line and the rod is pointing down to the water and slightly aft. Bring the tip forward in a fast smooth motion at the count of "1", let the rod drift back on the count of "2", and as the line tightens on the count of "3", bring the rod forward again for another count of "1". With a bit of practice, it gets easy. You may have a sore arm the first trip, but if you keep at it you'll find it requires less and less sweat each time.

So that's about it. The rest you'll have to figure out by doing it on your own. Just watch for the guys on the dock with one arm bigger than the other—follow him and he'll lead you to bass, and lots of work!



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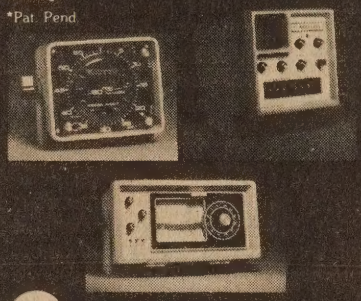

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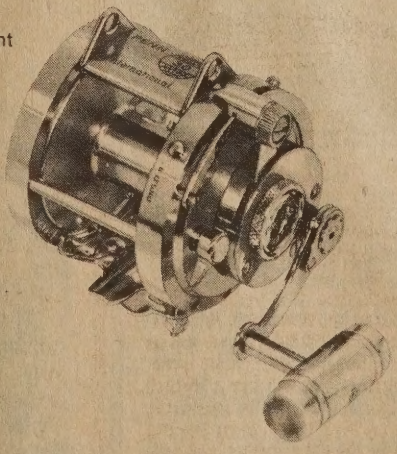

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MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

Hurricane Belle either improved or destroyed the fishing at Montauk, depending upon which species you are interested in. The offshore scene has been almost a disaster post-Belle. The cold water that moved inshore as a result of the storm seems to have upset the applecart for sharks, but hopefully will peak again by this weekend when the watger has settled down again. The same cold water temperature seems to have been a blessing to the bass fishermen inshore. Since Thursday bot diamond jiggers and trollers have been making impressive catches of bass for mid-August around Great Eastern and the Pollack Rip. Fluke fishing was also down from the murky water created by the high winds, but showed signs of regaining its former status on the weekend. The fish should start moving around to the southside very shortly. Porgies great one day and spotty the next since the storm at Great Eastern and off Gardiners Island. Bluefishing has been a bonanza during the day at the Sub Buoy, Southeast Light off Block Island and around the Midway Buoy, but has been a virtual disaster for those fishing with bait at night.

Captain Warren Hader of the charter-boat Devilfish called to say that he had to postpone his first "open boat sharking"

Anthony DeMartino of Brooklyn caught 7 big cod over 30 pounds including the 43 pounder that took jthe $159 pool aboard the "Peconic Queen III."

Here we have the pool winners aboard the "Viking Star". Frank Bodensky with his 51 and 49 lb. cod and August Matais with his 52 lb. cod.

trip from Wednesday to Friday due to the hurricane. Fishing in 180 to 190 feet of water south of the Point, four blue sharks were taken despite the fact that the sharking has been down since the Big Belle. On Saturday a couple of bass were taken trolling in the Pollack Rip and about 40 bluefish were taken at Midway. On Sunday ten striped bass were trolled at Pollack that were all in the 20 pound range and 50 blues were taken at the Sub Buoy.

Captain Lester Behan of the Peconic Queen III reported that the codfishing was down at Coxes Ledge aftger the storm but picked up again on Sunday when many big fish in the 30 lb. plus range were taken. Anthony DeMartino of Brooklyn took seven cod over 30 lbs. himself, including the pooler of 43 lbs. that won him $159. Les said that the night bluefishing has been very poor since the storm.

Captain Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** reported super-good bluefishing around Midway and the Sub Buoy trolling, but the herring bait at Cartwright just isn't producing as of yet. Dick said that he has found that when the blues are feeding on top the west-end favorite Bingle Lancer has been producing great, and it can be trolled with very little wire and not a ton of drag. The **Triton** has also been picking

about a half-dozen nice bass a trip at the Pollack Rip. Dickie said that he has a few open dates that he would like to book for bottom fishing for clubs or groups that want to see some doormat fluke action or bulldog blackfish or porgies & seabass or you-name-it.

Captain John Potts of the charterboat **blue fin** really had a few of the skippers grumbling to themselves when he dropped a bait onto the head of a huge doormat fluke of seventeen pounds in the North Rips on Sunday.

Captain John Sekora of the charterboat **Easy Rider** told us that on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there was some excellent bass fishing in the Pollack Rip. Bass up to 43 lbs. were taken in the 15 to 20 stripers trolled per half-day trip. Bass and blues filled the box on Saturday and Sub Buoy Blues overflowed on Sunday. John said that the offshore fishing has been pretty dead since the storm brought the cold water inshore.

Captain Frank Pike of the charterboat **Leatherneck** had an excellent trip on Sunday, when 42 big bluefish, 2 striped bass and 3 bonito were trolled.

Capt. Fred Bird of the Flying Clouc said that the porgies and seabass were good for a few days after the storm but were spotty on Sunday for some reason. Gardiner's Island is yeilding medium size porgies, and the North Ground s has big sea bass and porgies and an occasional fluke and blackfish.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that the codfishing was down aftger the storm but had picked up again by the weekend. There still wasn't as many fish as there should be, but they were all in the high-teens and twenties. Poolfish on Saturday was 56 lbs. and 46 pounds on Sunday. The **Viking Starlite** has been doing very good despite the storm, not as many maybe but all big fish and very rarely a short mixed in. Fish of 9 and 11 lbs. were taken on Sunday in the North Rips. Bluefish at night has been very, very poor since the storm. They're around in the daytime, but just won't feed at night.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** reported that Montauk Harbor weathered the wrath of Belle very well. Henry said that they hauled out as many of the boats as they could before the storm hit, and the empty slips were quickly filled by many of the local charterboats and even the local Coast Guard boats that were seeking the protection of Montauk's largest marina. Fortunately, Belle arrived later than expected, so the hugh high tides that were anticipated never "arose". Blue-fishing was up and sharking was down after the storm. The **"Meditation"** took 100 blues in one day off the Southeast Light at Block Island. Capt. Bert Rockfield of the **"Serenity II"** took 35 big choppers at the Sub Buoy in a few hours.

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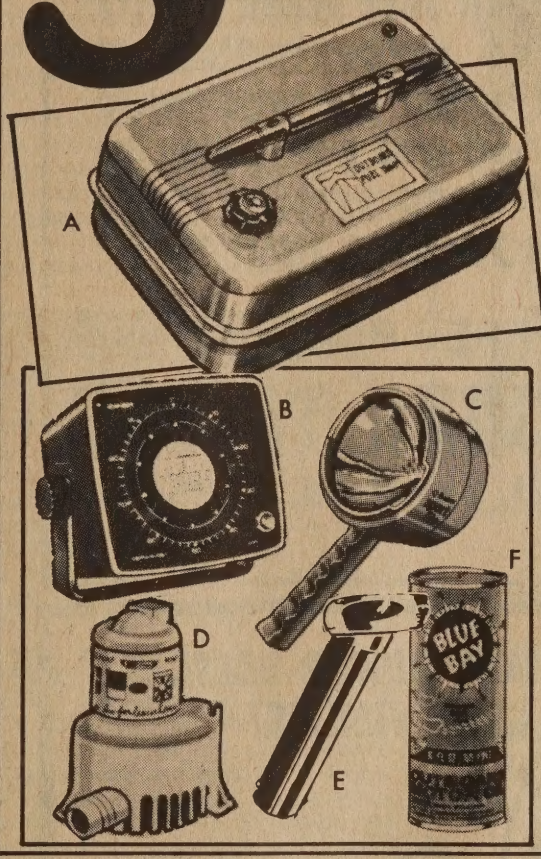

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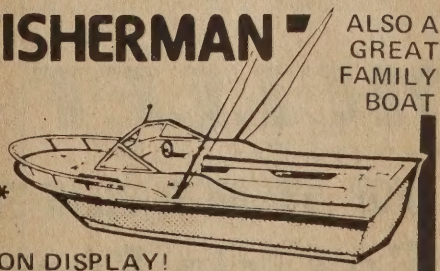

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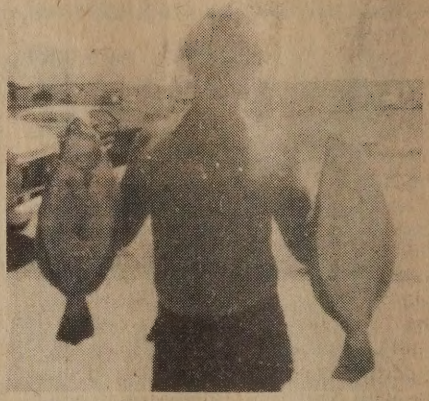

Shown here is Roger Fredericks with part of a catch of 140 pounds of fluke he made along with Jack McGoldrick, Artie Bieler and Joe Lutsky. The fluke were caught at Montauk off the lighthouse on fluke strips and squid. The fish averaged 2-4 pounds with 5 and 8 pounders also taken.

Capt. Dave McMahon of the charterboat **"Marie II"** has been averaging 30 to 40 bluefish for a half day trip since the storm. The **"Bumble Bee"** has also been murdering the blues at the Southeast Light, and reported a few weakfish mixed the the catches there. The **"Matima"** managed to take one small white shark of about 80 lbs. after the storm. The captain of the **"Blackjack"** reported that a white shark and several blue sharks came into the chum slick on the weekend but refused to eat anything.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** and Frank Riggiero and five other members of the New York City Transit Authority caught 625 lbs. of porgies and seabass on Saturday up to 4½ lbs. Fishing was done at various areas from Great Eastern to the south side.

Charterboat **Free Spirit** called to say that he had inshore charters Saturday and Sunday for blues and he umbrella-ed 73 choppers Saturday and 30 on Sunday.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** has been fishing Gardiner's Island with clams, worm and squid and things have picked up on the porgy scene since Hurrican Belle. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday have seen hi-hook averages of 85 porgies per day. Hi-hook for the week was John Murchison of Highland Falls, New York with 112 porgies. By the time you read this report, Viking Skipper II will be fishing at the point as pin hookers have been doing a job the last couple of days.

Capt. Eddy Hegner of the charterboat **Web** reports that he's been doing a job on big flukes (doormats) and also taking

Jimmy Doolan with a catch of 33 fluke 2 to 5 pounds from Montauk's Gin Beach&[illegible]gwong area aboard the "Sue Jean". Subscriber Club Photo.

ut porgy charters and sending them ome with bags full of big porgies and ea bass. In his off hours, Ed is running eddy's Tackle Shop which is on West ake Dr. just a little south of Montauk larine basin. Stop in and say Hello.

Captain fritz Hubner of the charter-oat **Mistress Too** reported that the luefishing since Belle has been phen-menal between Great Eastern and Midway, the Submarine Buoy and off the outheast Light at Block Island. On full lay charters on Friday and Saturday 60 o 70 blues were taken each day trolling mbrella rigs in 55 feet of water off the outheast Light at Block Island. A few arge weakfish are also mixed in with the lues. Fritz noted that the offshore ishing has been poor since the hurricane ut should pick right back up by the veekend.

Captain John DeMaio reported that he bass fishing at the Pollack Rip round Great Eastern really picked up fter the hurricane. On Friday John auled in 15 bass weighing over 200 ounds by himself and on Saturday a harter took 16 bass up to 23 pounds on va Tackle diamond jigs. Bluefish are all ver in quantity, but John has been oncentrating on the bass for his harters and just topping off the box with lues.

Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II** said hat the fluking was down for a few days fter the storm but started picking up gain by the weekend. Brad said that it's hat time of year again for Blues in The lace, so he is switching over from the luke on Wednesday and will al ready ave made his first trip by the time this eport is read. Brad said that his father's oat, Capt. George Glas's **Hel-Cat** has een doing a number on the big hoppers since the storm and he expects o do the same. The **Helen II** will be ailing daily from now at 7:30 A.M. for luefish at the Race, then will chance reas to the south side of Montauk when he blues settle down there and fish until ney leave, usually sometime in Novem-er.

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows Sr. reported that the **Captain Clark Boats** are still doing a good job on the weakfish and porgies despite the visit of Belle. On Friday Joe McQuillan won the pool with a 3½ lb. weakfish. Joe had a total of 24 weaks, 5 kingfish and a mess of porgies. The Captain said that since the storm the porgies are mixed sizes, from the small pins to large humpbacks. Best area for the scup is still the wrecks south of National and Cow Neck. Weakfish have been hot around Jamesport at Mattituck.

HAMPTON BAYS

Corr's Fishing Station reports excellent fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay. The fast action started on Thursday after the bay turbidity cleared. Catches of 15 to 25 good sized keepers were landed per boat. Best action occured from the Shinnecock Inlet and East Channel on both the rise and fall of the tide. West of the Ponoquogue Bridge to the Coast Guard Station was best on the falling tide. Live killies or shiners with a piece of squid is your best bait.

Skipper's reports good fluke fishing in the East channel and on the outside of Shinnecock Inlet. Bill Hickcock and his son fished the inlet to the East Channel using sandeels and smelts. The bigger fish were taken on smelts or squid strips and they took a total of 56 keepers. On Sunday in the same area Jerry Giblin and Joe Riggio of Staten Island took 31 keepers. It has been good fishing since the storm with most fish in the 1 to 3 pound range and many 4 and 5's.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's reports decent fluke fishing from Friday to Sunday drifting accross buoys 36 and 39 and Harts Cove. Squid and spearing are the usual baits but many anglers did very well using smelts. Good flounders can be had south of Buoys 38 and 39. The bulkheads along the coves and some of the creeks have loads of crabs and plenty of snappers that are still fun sized.

Hi-Way Fishing Station reports plenty of flounder of nice sizes that are 16 inches. Although there are a lot of shorts, there are still some fluke of good size to be had. A few weaks can be had by buoy 42 by anglers working diligently. Al says to see him for the current hot spots regarding fluke and flounder.

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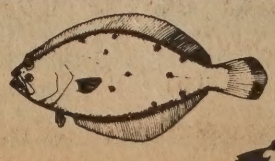

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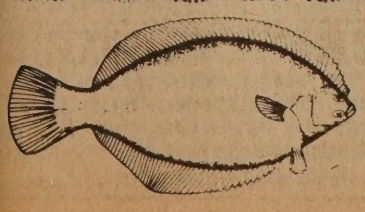

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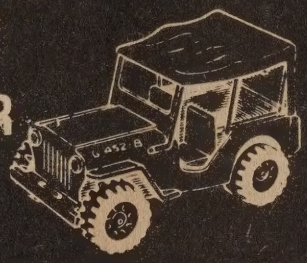

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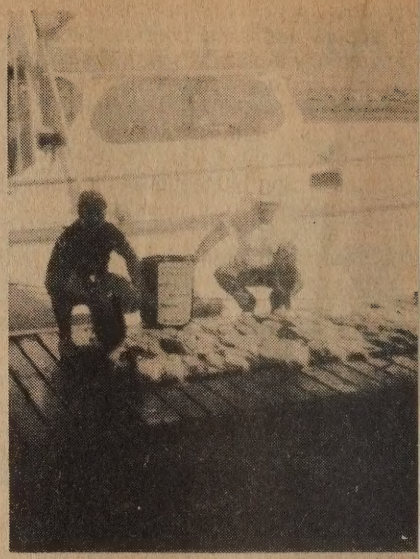

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Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** tells of lots of weaks and kings between buoys 29 and 30 on the bottom on squid strips any moving tide. Fluke in the same area on spearing and squid, and blue claws all over the place, best in front of Lasalle Giant crabs. Large snappers at the town docks. Tony Casella of New York City took a mixed bag of 3½ lb. class weakfish and 1½ lb. kingfish to the tune of 60 fish.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station says the big news is kingfish now being picked up in fair numbers off buoy 24 on fluke rigs armed with squid strips. These fish are going up to 2 lbs.

OAKDALE

Flo at **Howie's Fishing Station** reports continued good mixed bags at buoy 12. Angler Don got 36 blowfish, 4 kings, 12 porgies and a load of sea bass on clam and squid one day this past week at buoy 12.

OAK BEACH

Bill at **The Store** says there are still a lot of fluke at the mouth of Fire Island Inlet. 12 year old angler Justin Krenshaw took a 10 lb. 14-oz. fluke on squid off The Store's bulkhead. Bill says fluking is steady and holding. Jim Falotico and Frank Montalto on Saturday had 40 keeper fluke from 1 to 4 lbs. in the inlet on incoming on squid and spearing

at the mouth of the inlet. Lots of snappers and sand porgies. Blues are sporadic and weakfish with them at the inlet. Try Tubes and Umbrellas. There are a few at Kismet Reef also. A few bass in the twenties have been taken by surf casters at Cedar on clam. Bob Contos fishing 140 feet of water took a 10 foot dusky this past week, but released same at boat. Gary Mims took 5 nice bass surfcasting the Gilgo area with bait, photos coming. Off duty patrolman Ken Kotch bagged 6 stripers from 10 to 25 lbs. on live eels Monday afternoon just before the hurricane.

EAST ISLIP

Wet-A-Line Bait & Tackle reports good fluking at the Coast Guard Station on sand eels and squid on all moving tides. Roughly 25 miles south of the inlet sharks are taking whole bunker.

BAY SHORE

Smokey's Bait & Tackle reports that Arthur Bersch of Bethpage on Friday took 40 keeper fluke from 4 to 6 pounds at Fire Island Inlet on spearing. Andy Ruppart on "Burn Out I" also on Saturday took 20 weak fish 8 plus pounds in close at Cherry Grove along with one six pound blue on A-27 jigs. On Sunday Andy took pal Tom Patrician of Bay Shore fluking with excellent results from the Commissioners house to the inlet on spearing on Smokeys hi-low rigs. A few black fish were also taken. A few sea bass and porgies were taken over the weekend at Kismet Reef on skimmers and/or sand worms. Sharkers 12 miles off Cherry Grove are getting big blue fish. Snappers are very good and crabs are excellent at the Marina in traps and at night with lights in nets. Fluking in general is at its best on live killies.

CAPTREE

The sparkling new aluminum super cruiser **Speedy VI**, all 78 feet of her has been whaling away at the blues of recent date. The Twin V-12 turbo charged GM's diesels allow her to cruise at 16 plus knots and this vessel is set up to harvest fish for people in comfort. Although the boat is licensed for 149 by the Coast Guard, Capt. Speedy Hubert said that he will carry a maximum of only 100 to assure fares lots of fishing room. Lots of good luck with the new boat, Speedy.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the brand new boat **Speedyvi** reported that the bluefishing was excellent during the day trips all week long after the hurricane but the nights were very slow. Sunday's daytime fishing was a disaster for most of the bluefish boats, however, best area before the downturn was to the east of Fire Island Inlet off Patchogue in 90 feet of water. The choppers come in two

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Numerous Official Weigh-In Stations have been established all over Long Island for the convenience of our readers. Each has an accurate scale that has met the requirements set down by The Fisherman, and can be identified by the plaque that is shown in the photo below that will be displayed in the premises. A complete listing of the present Official Weigh-In Stations also appears below, and will be periodically updated as new weigh-in stations meet the requirements.

Here's how the program works. When you catch a fish that you think may weigh more than the minimum requirement for that species (see the inset), take it to one of the weigh-stations listed below to have it officially weighed-in. If it meets the requirements, a post card will be filled out and signed by the proprietor and given to you to mail to The Fisherman. When we recieve the card and it is verified, a "Skillful Angling Award" certificate will be made out with the information from the card and sent with the patch directly to you from the offices of the Fisherman. That's it!

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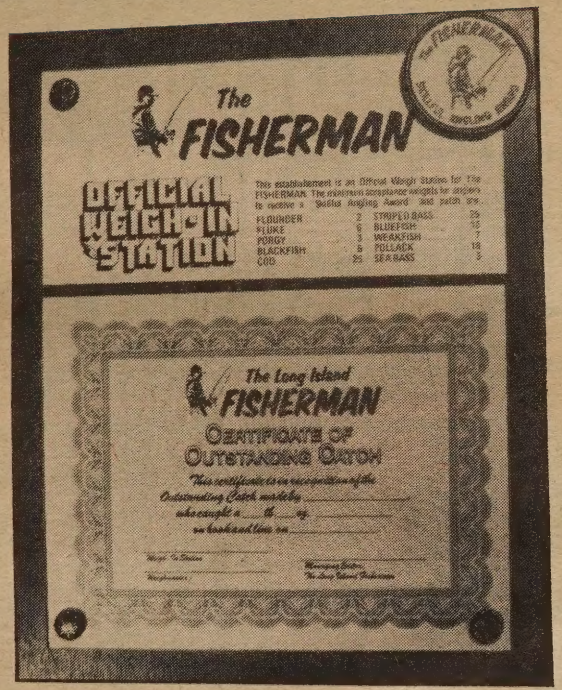

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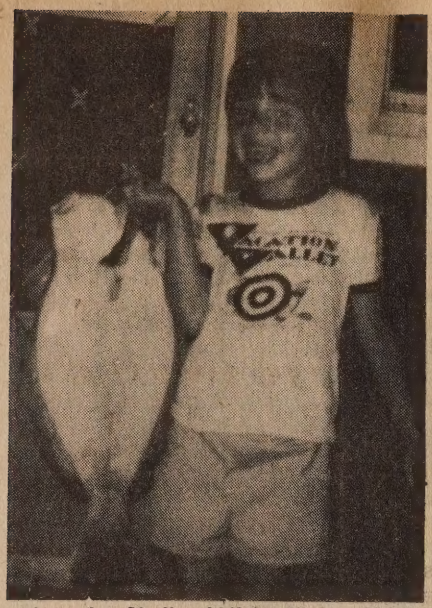

Lorraine Skelly of Hicksville caught this 6 ½ lb. fluke at The Store in Oak Beach.

sizes, 4 to 6 lbs. and 8 to 13 lbs.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Lady Ann** reported that the bluefishing has been very topsy-turvy. Just after the storm the blues were excellent during the day and the night trips were poor to good. But on the weekend, both day and night blue trips were very poor. On Sunday only a couple of blues were caught for the entire boat, so on the way in the boat stopped at a local wreck and about 60 large seabass up to 3 lbs. were taken to put something in the bags. Neil said that the fluke fishing has been fantastic during the last of the flood tide from the inlet to the bridge, an absolute slaughter. On Saturday 6 people fishing took 70 keeper fluke, and there were only a few throwbacks. Many of the open boats sailing with 30 to 40 passengers are taking over 300 fluke a trip.

BABYLON

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** reports good fluking between the Coast Guard Station and the Lighthouse for those drifting back and forth with squid, shiners and live killies. The buoy 6, Snake Hill Channel areas are producing 1 lb. average kingfish on squid and spearing and also ¾-1 lb. porgies in the same area. Crabs are being taken in traps in good quantities. Sea bass are to be had at Snake Hill and in the State Channel on squid and clam. Blow fish have slowed.

Charlie's Fishing Station tells of good fluking continuing strong. A Mr. Trocchio of Ozone Park had good catches of fluke and weakfish in Fox Creek onSunday using squid and sand eels or all moving water. There is good crabbing in the flats.

LINDENHURST

Charlies Bait & Tackle reports the fluking is excellent from the inlet bar up to the Coast Guard Station on squid, killies and shiners. Crabbing is excellent off the Wellwood Ave. Dock and the Copiague flats in the bay. Snapper fishing is excellent with all the canals jammed up with these baby blue fish. 65 feet of water has been producing blues for chummers and trollers. Bass fishing and weakfish have been spotty. Porgies are hitting on fluke rigs at West Island, going after squid. Babylon Tuna Club member Les Berrents took a 9 pound 7 ounce weakfish on Saturday on a squid strip.

AMITYVILLE

Jonas Bait and Tackle reports weakfish, small blues and sea bass at the Copiague Hole and Amityville Cut, with early morning best for the weakfish. Snappers are all over the place as are blue claw crabs. Two stripers were plugged at the Wantagh bridge a 9 and 19 pounder on small atoms. Fluking was very good after the storm in Fire Island Inlet in the Lighthouse area and the State Channel on squid, sand eels, killies and spearing.

SEAFORD

Ron Waser Bait & Tackle reports bass are being chummed in the bay at the State Channel and Bridges, taking bellies. Some weakfish are coming over the sides at night on sand worm baits and sharpies are also chumming with frozen grass shrimp and sand worm baits at the 3rd Wantagh. Fluke has been good at Haunts Creek, Goose Creek, and at Four Corners. Lots of shorts, roughly 6 out of 10 but the other 4 make it interesting, taking killies, spearing and squid with the beginning of outgoing working best, the first two hours. A super snapper year, says Lon. The snappers are everywhere as are blue claw crabs. 4 to 5 lbs. bluefish have been trolled at Cholera. Some sea bass on worms along with porgies and blow fish. Remember that for the fluke, says Lon, you've got to fish the edges, not the channels or the flats - the edges.

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports the fluking is good on the West side of the draw bridge and at Four Corners on squid and killies.Snapper fishing is great on small spearing. The black banks are producing stripers for clam chummers 2 hours on each side of the high. Crabbing is excellent on incoming.

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

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MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sport a new tackle shop which has opened up across from John Burns Park, reports that the Park is producing loads of snappers and blue claw crabs, with high tide being best. Fluke at Four Corners and off the Harbor Green Yacht Club, with the biggest west of the Wantagh Bridge on live killies. Small live killies best for big snappers also. Blues are being chummed about 7 miles south of the pipeline. Surf casters are taking fluke off Florence Beach on squid and live killies.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** tells us that Thursday and Friday saw great fluking in Ned's Creek, and Broad Creek and Haunts Creek, really excellent for keepers. Saturday was a little slower and Sunday it turned picky. The inlet itself has been quiet. Some blues and weakfish about a mile south of the inlet trolling tubes. A 25 lb. striper fell to angler Ray Christinian of Seaford East of Zachs Bay in the State channel on chum on Friday, mid-day.

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FREEPORT

The **Freeport Boatman's Association** reports that the bluefishing for their charters was very good earlier in the week south of Bellport but thinned out over the weekend, and was picky. No tuna action as yet, but is expected soon.

Franks Marina & Fishing Station reports good fluking in Jones inlet on spearing and squid, with one of Franks rentals bringing back a 4 lber. this past week. Lots of flounder in Swift Creek on blood worms and mussel chum. Stripers and weakfish were taken at the Meadowbrook bridge on the Salty III by skipper Fred Buska using clam bellies on night out going tides.

Roy at **Mako Marina** gives us the results of last weeks Hudson Anglers Mako tournament held last Saturday. First place - Al Griswald - 291 lb. mako. 2nd place Mike McKenna - 165 lb. mako. 3rd place Alan Grosser - 137 lb. mako. 4th place George Finney - 133½ lb. mako. 5th place Charles Matthews - 133 lb. mako. 4th & 5th place fish were brought into the dock at the same time and were weighed 9 times to be sure. 6th place - Alan Theiss - 131 lb. mako. 7th place, Charles Berwin - 120 lb. mako. 8th place Sam Stimmel - 114 lb. mako. 9th place George Sayer - 104 lb. mako. 10th place, Pete Kryscuk - 102 lb. mako. 11th place Bill Russo, 99 lb. mako. 12th place,

Greg Ulrich caught this 37 lb. bass in the Jones Beach surf on bait. Subscriber Club Photo.

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F. Diefel, 94 lb. mako. 76 boats entered, 28 sharks were caught, 18 being makos. All boats came in on time. Present at the weigh in was Congressman Norman Lent, whose interest in the fishing scene is very much recognized by fishermen and this publication. Congressman Lent was instrumental in obtaining the recent 200 mile limit law. Roy says that the Hudson anglers held a fantastic tournament, one of the best run that he has ever seen conducted on our South Shore.

Mike at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** tells us that on Wednesday he weighed in a 200 lb. dusky taken by Pete Kuchinski along with an 80 lb. hammer head taken by angler Bob Howell on the charterboat **Sea Bee** skippered by Capt. Hank Ounde. These fish were taken out of 140 feet of water SE of Jones inlet on whole mackerel just after the hurricane. Private boats have been trolling tubes and umbrellas and getting blue fish in 80 feet of water.

Marty Dombrowski continues to send hungary fishermen off with a good solid fishermen's breakfast from the **Poop Deck** Restaurant at the head of Woodcleft Canal. Marty says that the box lunches that he makes up for the charter boats are also keeping him in the kitchen all night long. Steak and eggs remains the hot item on the morning menu.

The **Starstream II** reports excellent bluefishing on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Sunday being a little picky.wednesday saw 200 choppers taken, Thursday 300, Friday 300 and 150 Saturday. All fish ranged from 5 to 14 lbs, and Capt. Richie was fishing SE only about one hour and a half from the dock. It was a combination of bait, A-27 jigs and Bananas. Daytime fishing is best, and this week has been the best bluefishing so far this year.

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Capt. Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** reports very good fluking of nice sized fish Thursday thru Saturday at Ambrose Channel, averaging 3 to 5 fish per man up to 5 lbs. On Sunday they fished Reis Park and Playland to the tune of 4-10 fish per man, fish up to 3 lbs. The **Aloma** has been doing fair on the sea bass with a few fluke thrown in for good measure at the wrecks. Porgies have been slim pickin's.

Capt. Sy of **The Bluefin II** reports that he had blues all week along the beach from Wednesday to Sunday. Wednesday was excellent with weak fish thrown in as a bonus. Blue fish have been up to 14 lbs., fishing east of the inlet. This continued through Saturday. Sunday was picky. A new school of blues came in on Thursday, 5 to 8 lbs. Sunday the fish were big, but fewer in quantity. All were chummed with a few taken on A-27's. In his phone call to us, Sy said that once the murkiness of the water clears up the fishing should improve even more. This was all daytime fishing.

The **Captain Hall** reports that he is taking mixed bags of fluke, sea bass, blues, eels and crabs mainly from Fundey and Long Creek for his passengers.

POINT LOOKOUT

The **Marie III** trolled wire on Friday and Saturday outside the inlet and as a result got blues up to 2 lbs. and 6 lb. plus weakfish, though only about 2 out of 10 weaks were boated. There were more blues than weaks. Catches ran from fair to good. On Friday the fish hit anything yellow and on Saturday anything green. On Sunday fluke was on the menu and 75 keepers came over the side fishing the Rockaways on squid, sand eels and spearing.

Ed's Fishing Station reports the fluke fishing came up over the weekend. Wednesday immediately following hurricane Belle was good but Thursday abd Friday was spotty. It was the flats over the weekend that produced well. On Saturday Tom Mazur and Mike Lattoraca took 30 fluke from the flats using squd and spearing. Sunday saw Bruno Grabiec and buddy Walt Stevens take over 40 from Reynolds Channel at buoys 16 and 18. Both of these couples trolled their own hi-hook rigs to catch these fish. In Reynold's Channel there are nice sea bass and at Coast Guard Station in Swift Creek there are flounders. There are a lot of blue claws in Middle Bay.

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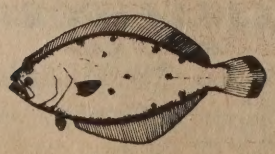

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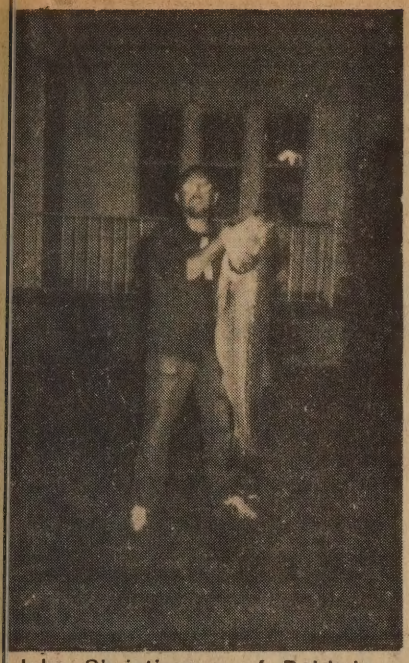

John Christiansen of Baldwin caught this 40 lb. cow bass on his first trip to the surf on a blue sinking Rebel. Subscriber Club Photo.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle in Lynbrook reports at Jones Beach has had scattered tches of striped bass, mostly on Stan bbs poppers and swimmers. Bluefish ve been trolled from the area of the peline all the way west to Norton's int. It seems the Jap feathers are back circulation again as they are catching eir share of bluefish. Parachute rigs e also claiming their share of blues. ese fish range out as far as the beach the Cholera Banks.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The **Amberjack IV** reports they've en taking 12-60 bluefish up to 3 lbs. r night but are doing better during the ys jigging. Friday during the day was ry good jigging A-27's.when the blues e slow at night, fares are snapping on low rigs with clam baits and making ntastic hauls of ling, up to 3 lbs. per h. These fish are coming up ice cold, give you an idea of water tempera- res. Special offshore trips are coming soon, says Capt. Fred.right now, look r good combinations of blues and ling.

eCarrie D has been doing a very good on the fluke population off the Jersey ast.

ig Mohawk II tells us that the bluefish ging has been so-so, with the fish kind on the small side but that the fluking s been very good, and excellent on nday. This has been off the Ambrose annel and the Rockaways on squid and spearing. Fluke bellies are taking the bigger fish. Saturday, at the Warrior buoy, a 5 pounder took the pool.

The **Captain Dom** reports good catches of porgies and sea bass all week off the Jersey Coast.

The **pilot ii** reports lots of sea bass and porgies coming over the rail, fishing Jersey waters also.

The **flamingo ii**, reports mate Steve has been strictly jig fishing for blues, scoring well at Princess Bay in mornings and late afternoons. They fished Norton's Point Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with fish going 4 to 7 lbs. with a few 12 pounders mixed in, all on jigs. Some days are better than others. 4 to 7 lb. weakfish have been mixed in along with a few accidental stripers.

Sal Jr. at **Stella Maris** said there are a lot of blues being trolled from Coney Island up to the Verranzano Bridge. Weakfish are being caught at Chapel Hill on Staten Island and at night off Manhattan Beach using sandworms. Nice sized fluke are everywhere and sometimes blues are picked up while bottom fishing for these species. Snappers, tinker mackerel and porgies are being taken in Sheepshead Bay.

Captain Mike Hipper of the charterboat **Pina III** reports good results trolling blues at the tin can, Norton's Point, tubes of any color. On Thursday, Joe Geary and party bagged 47 blues and 2 weaks, all in the 5 pound class. On Friday Leif Johnson and party had 35 blues, one weak and one bass on tubes.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports the surf at Penny Beach is it's usual consistent self. Small striped bass with the usual number of throwbacks are hitting on worms. Some of these fish are a nice 3

Ed deinecki, Jerry Kennedy and Mike Marasco with bluefish up to 14 lbs. taken aboard the "Pina III".

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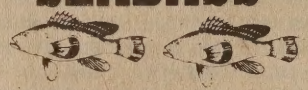

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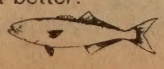
Julio Napoleonis and friend with catch of 40 blues in the 2 to 5 pound range aboard the "Pina III."

id 4 pounds. Sand porgies, Lafayettes, id small blues are being caught from ittenville to the Verranzano Bridge. uefish have been taken at So. Beach at w tide just before the tu n. These are ostly on cut bait or swimmer plugs and nge in size from 3 to 12 pounds. There e plenty of small blues at Great Kills each and Princess Bay. Cut bait will ck up these 2 to 4 pound blues but they e not there all the time so you must ait for the schools to appear. Many of ie creeks and back bays have had good itches of crabs. Boats have been cking up 2 to 4 pound blues by asically looking for birds working. and ien hitting them with shiny lures. Cut ait may also be drifted when birds are ot around. Best bet is to fish just off the each from Great Kills Park to Annaale. This past week there have been eakfish at the Old Home Dock in the 4 ound class and off of Princess Bay oing up to 6 pounds. Most of this is on orms. Trolling Bingle Lancers in green black on the incoming tide is best. ome striped bass have been taken by oats at Hoffman and Swinburne Iands. This fishing is not great but ould get better.



NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop says fluke fishing is still very good east of Gardiner's. Most of these fish are caught on squid and shiner combinations. At night there is very good striped bass fishing at the Ruins east of Gardiner's. This fishing is done with bunker, eels or worms. Daytime trolling with big white umbrella rigs also produced striped bass as well as weakfish and bluefish. Good blackfishing at both Gull and Plum Islands. The south side of Plum Island has had very good porgy fishing. Striped bass have been taken from the beaches, from Greenport to Orient Point on plugs. The same areas have produced both good blackfishing and porgies.

Richie Jensen of the **Wilhelric** reports porgy fishing has been good all week since the storm. The fish have moved into the rocky areas south of Plum Island. There are also good catches to be had by Gardiner's Island. Catches of 25 to 50 fish weighing between 1 and 1¼ pounds have been had by most fares. There have been consistent catches of a half dozen fluke every day and on Sunday a total of 30 came aboard. There are lots of snappers all over.

Brand X has been fishing for blues south of Fisher's Island. They have taken a lot of fish up to 18 pounds and the run has been pretty good after hurricane Belle moved through.

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Port of Egypt came through with a concise report. They said loads of porgies at buoy 10 and at So. Ferry. Some weakfish have been taken at buoy 11 while out at Orient Point Station there is nice blackfishing.

NEW SUFFOLK

Captain Marty's Fishing Station said the weak and porgy fishing has been really good since the storm. Nassau Point just east of buoy 22 is really doing well. Weakfishing has been much im proved and some have gone as high as 6 pounds. Most catches are in the 3 to 4 pound range and being taken on squid and sandworms. Lots of snappers that are now up to 8 inches in length and are falling victims to metal lures and shiners.

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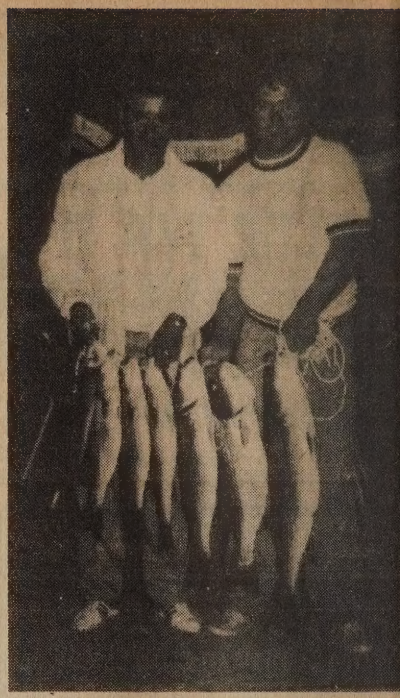

John Potvin of the N.Y. Islanders and his Uncle Moe Potvin of Canada caught these bass trolling worms off Marshall Field. Photo courtesy of Ronnie's Bait and Tackle.

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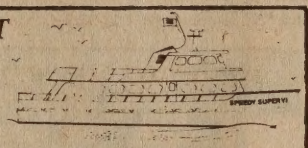

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Jesse Poritz with part of a catch of fluke taken at Eaton's Neck on the charterboat "Therapy" from Cold Spring Harbor. The fish weighed in at 6 and 7 pounds.

reports that since Thursday there hav been big catches of porgies and weaks Sandworms are preferred on the weak fish and the usual baits on the porgies Two good spots are west of Robbin' Island or Rose's Grove. Warren wants t remind everyone that with the 7 foo tides that are coming this week i Maine, there is the possibility that th worms may be on the small side.

MILLER PLACE

Dick's Sporting Goods reports plent of porgies for either the beach fisherma or the boatman. Miller Place beaches ar excellent spots for these fish. Bluefis this past week picked up pretty well bu not as good as it should be for this tim of year. Some blues are caught in th evening and early morning from the sur and some of these fishermen are doin very well. These are not really big fis but of good eating size that is 1½ to pounds. Kingfish and weaks are holdin their own. Dick suggests that for th weakfish you try trolling a red Tri-Fin c about 5 ounces very deep. Flatfishing fo fluke is slow and this quite possibl might be due to the storm.

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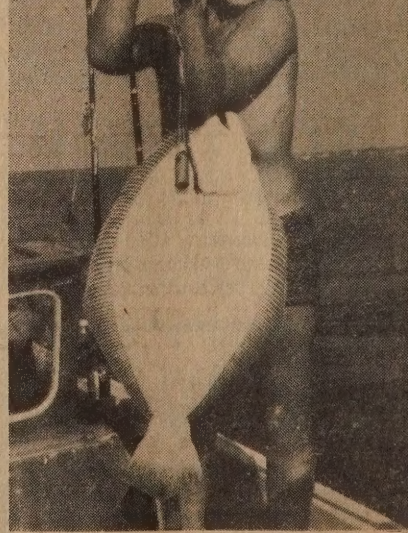
Caraftis Fishing Station reports lots o porgies at Old Field Point, Crane's Nec and Miller Place. There are many fish o the sandy spots just offshore but th larger fish are in the deeper waters of 4 feet or more. John Caraftis personall went out and counted all the snappers i



Paul Newman, 10, of Bronx caught this 8 lb. 10 oz. fluke on live snapper and sea robin belly combo by buoy 11 out of Port Jefferson. Subscriber Club Photo.

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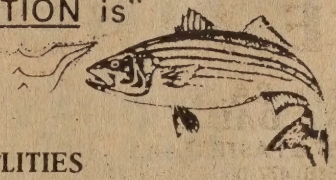

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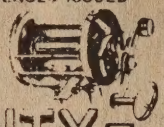

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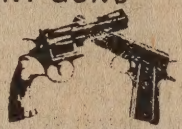

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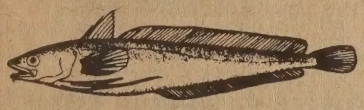

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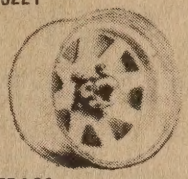

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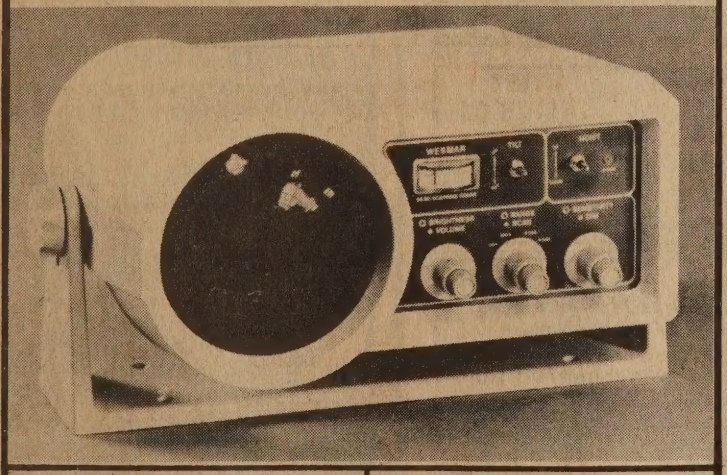

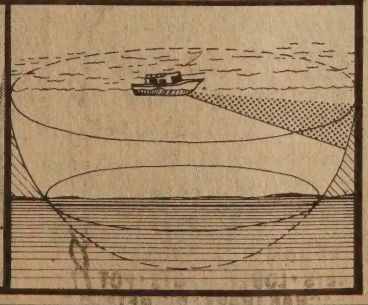

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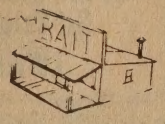

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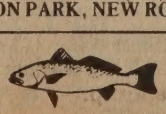

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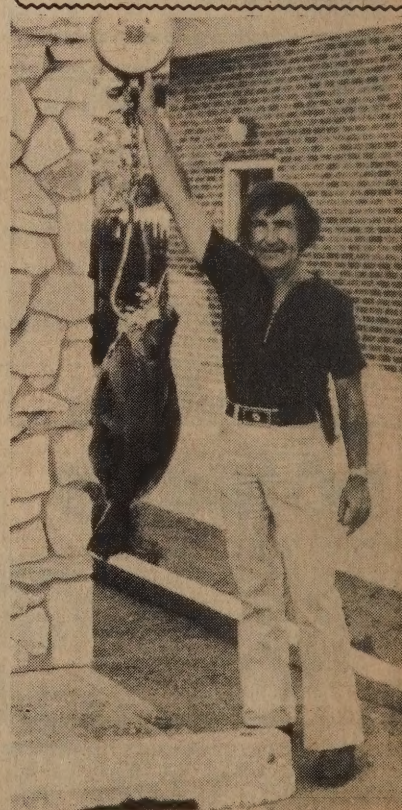

Bob Harder caught this 14 lb. 10 oz. fluke on sand eels and squid while fishing out of Montauk.

he harbor and he says there is just over a million. Fluke fishing is just good. They are in the deeper holes and ledges inside of buoy 11. Blues are erratic but can be had by deep trolling and much patience.

Betty W reports good porgy fishing in Crane's Neck in the 40 foot depths. A few blacks have been taken and these go to 4 pounds. On Saturday hi-hook and pool winner was Tony Vincennes of the Waterman Steam Ship Co. This charter picked up many porgies along with some blacks and fluke.

SELDEN

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NORTHPORT

Pete at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** reports most of the fishing in Northport and surrounding areas is mostly for snappers. Fluke fishing this past week was practically non-existant and bluefishing was erratic at best. Most of these blues are out at buoy 11B and can be had trolling big Sekora tubes. As far as striped bass fishing is concerned, Pete says "what's that?."

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don Constantin called to say that the porgies and weaks are holding up well and that he is sailing half day trips Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Watch the Eveready ad for up to the minute changes.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports that fishing on the whole has been inconsistent. Bluefishing was spotty with some good catches on wire line at buoys 13 and 11B. Trolling with tubes, bucktails and umbrella rigs have produced some fish. You can also try chumming and using bunker or mackerel as bait. Fluke fishing has slipped and there are mostly small catches but they are of larger fish. Best spot is inside of buoy 13 using squid and spearing on a fluke rig. Buoy 4 at Marshall Field has plenty of nice sized porgies. These are ¾ to 2 pounds and are being taken on sandworms. Snappers are very heavy everywhere and are getting bigger. They are hitting small tins, or shiner bait. Striped bass fishing for worm trollers is off because of the tremendous amount of snappers that chop up the worms.

GLEN COVE

According to John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** blues are being fished successfully with bunker. This action is any where from the interior of the harbor out to the Race buoy and from Pt. Washington to the Creek Beach Club. Again, John advises to get your fish from the schools and rig your bunker and fish them away from the crowds. Even if no fish are visible fish the areas mentioned above and everyone should have a share of fish. These same areas are good for wire line trollers using big red Sekora tubes. Snappers are now getting big enough to eat.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle says there was very good bluefishing on Friday right up to Saturday morning and then on Sat. afternoon they disappeared. Reports have it that they are now chasing schools of bunker out by Throggs Neck Bridge. Snappers are a lot bigger now and maybe fished for food as for fun. Harts Island continues to have striped bass that are being taken on a drifted worm or a green split tail Rebel. There are a lot of porgies in now and although they are still small, can be fished by most of the bridges.

Capt. Joe Batista has been having good luck on fluke recently using the small Chumming Squids with the scent pellets on the local fluke. Angler Andy Regina reports that he has been using this same lure for Peconic weakfish with the pink working best on an overcast day.

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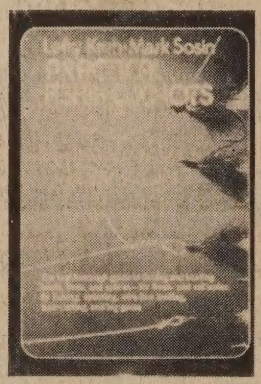

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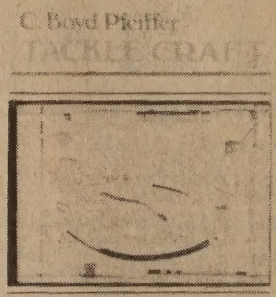

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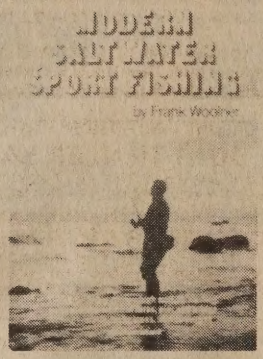

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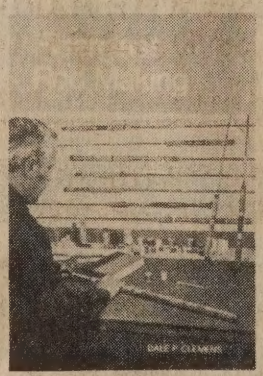

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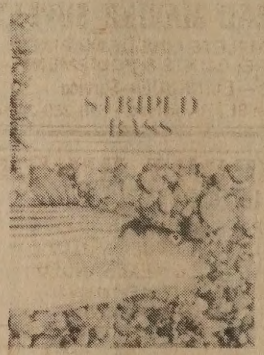

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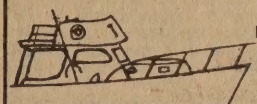

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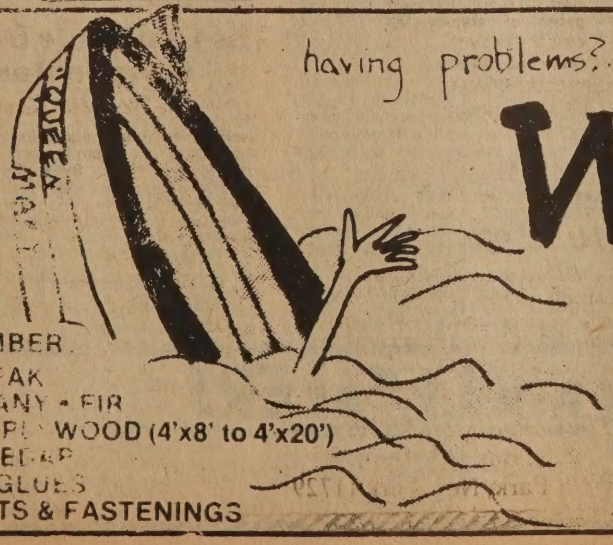

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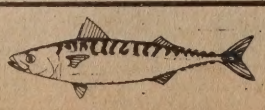

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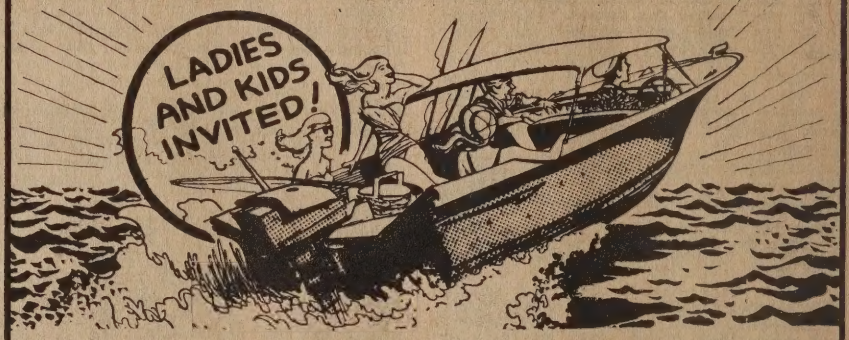

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR	2:52	3:23	3:57	4:34	3:33	4:10	5:02	5:23	6:13	6:40	6:50	7:13	3:11	3:43	8/19
FRI	3:57	4:24	4:57	5:32	4:40	5:12	5:57	6:14	7:18	7:41	7:49	8:09	4:10	4:38	8/20
SAT	5:04	5:25	5:54	6:22	5:46	6:08	6:48	7:04	8:29	8:42	8:44	9:02	5:05	5:29	8/21
SUN	6:01	6:20	6:46	7:10	6:43	7:00	7:35	7:49	9:31	9:39	9:34	9:51	5:55	6:16	8/22
MON	6:52	7:06	7:34	7:55	7:30	7:45	8:20	8:34	9:16	9:28	10:21	10:38	6:43	7:04	8/23
TUE	7:38	7:52	8:19	8:40	8:12	8:29	9:02	9:21	10:59	11:15	11:05	11:23	7:29	7:48	8/24
WED	8:21	8:36	9:02	9:22	8:57	9:11	9:46	10:04	11:40	11:58	11:49	—	8:13	8:34	8/25
THUR	9:06	9:21	9:45	10:07	9:39	9:55	10:30	10:53	—	12:23	12:09	12:32	8:59	9:20	8/26

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/8	6:00	8:10
8/13	6:06	8:03
8/18	6:10	7:57
8/23	6:16	7:48
8/28	6:21	7:40

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/25	8/2	8/9	8/18

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SOLUNAR TABLES
When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	12:05	**6:40**	12:35	**7:05**
FRI.	12:55	**7:25**	1:20	**7:50**
SAT.	1:35	**8:15**	2:05	**8:40**
SUN.	2:25	**9:00**	2:55	**9:30**
MON.	3:10	**9:50**	3:45	**10:15**
TUES.	4:00	**10:40**	4:45	**11:05**
WED.	4:50	**11:25**	5:20	**11:55**
THURS	5:35	—	6:05	**12:25**

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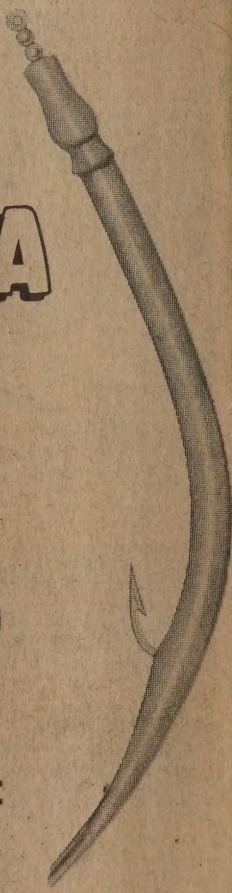

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